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KILLER HUNT MARKSMEN RING RESORT Police chief dies in seaside shooting

By JOHN EVANS and TREVOR BATES
ARMED police manned road blocks on routes leading out of Blackpool last night as a big hunt went on for two "very dangerous" gunmen following the murder of the town's police chief.

Supt Gerald Richardson, 58, head of the Blackpool sub-division of Lancashire police, died in a Blackpool hospital after being shot in the stomach as he grappled with a gunman he had cornered.

He had been leading a chase of five masked men who robbed a jeweller's shop in the town. Two constables in the chase were wounded by shots.

Supt. Richardson, married with no children, was described last night by Mr W. J. Palfrey, Chief Constable of Lancashire, as an officer who "led from the front."

Mr Palfrey added: "He was always courageous in all his activities. He died in the maintenance of law and order."

Last night the numbers of police taking part in the hunt for the two gunmen rose to 120 as colleagues and men who served under Supt. Richardson cancelled days off and holidays to help the search. Three other men were helping police inquiries.

Police marksmen were on duty at the road blocks because there was a strong possibility that the gunmen were still in Blackpool.

Alarm sounded
The drama of the robbery, chase and shooting was played out before holidaymakers in the heart of Blackpool's bed-and-breakfast district.

At about 9.45 a.m. a gang of four men wearing stocking masks burst into Preston's Jewellers in the Strand, Blackpool.

The manager, Mr Joseph Lammond and two assistants were transferring jewellery from overnight safes to display cases in the windows.

"The men forced the assistants to lie face down on the floor and locked me in my office," Mr Lammond said later.

"Then they ransacked the safes. I pressed an alarm button in the office and the staff pressed the shop alarm as soon as the raiders had left."

An off-duty fireman, Mr Ronald Gale, 40, was clubbed by one of the gang as he tried to stop them reaching their getaway car.

The gang were driving off in a Triumph 2000 estate car when the first policeman to reach the scene—Pc Carl Walker—arrived in his hands car.

He tried unsuccessfully to ram the raiders and was threatened with a gun. The bandits drove off with police cars converging from all directions and their car was rammed a mile away at the junction of Clifford Road and Egerton Road.

Policeman hit
As the bandits got out of their car and ran off down a passageway, one turned and fired several shots at the pursuing policeman.

Mr John Round, 40, a foreman butcher, heard shots coming from the passageway which runs alongside his shop.

"I thought it was children throwing fireworks and I went outside to tell them off," he said last night.

"It still didn't dawn on me what was happening even when I saw the policeman. I thought it was a police exercise."

"Then I saw one of the men being chased turn and fire at a policeman. The first shot missed, but the second hit him in the groin."

Crash into wall
The fleeing bandits then jumped into a grocery provisions van which Mr Round had been unloading and drove off—throwing crates of tomatoes and sides of bacon out of the back doors into the path of police cars chasing them.

The chase continued into Sherborne Road and Carshelton Road where the van crashed into a garden wall.

Two of the gang were knocked down by a police car, suffering only "superficial injuries" and Supt Richardson and Insp Eddie Gant closed in.

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Clifford Road, Blackpool, yesterday after a getaway car was rammed by police following a raid on a jeweller's shop in the town.

FURY AT RECALL REFUSAL

By Rowland Sumnerscales
Political Staff

LABOUR leaders reacted angrily last night on learning that the Government had refused the Opposition's official request to recall Parliament for a two-day debate on Northern Ireland.

The refusal was described as "deplorable" and the Government was accused of flouting Parliament. This reaction was regarded by Ministers as predictable and customary.

But Mr Wilson, Opposition leader, who will be back in London from the Isles of Scilly on Thursday, has not so far sought an interview with the Prime Minister.

The Government's reply to the telephoned request from Mr. McNeill, Opposition Chief Whip, was to the effect that although the Government would continue to keep recall in mind, there was no justification for it at present.

Wilson aggrieved
The Opposition retort amounted to a charge of double dealing. It accused the Government of having arranged for interment to take place after Parliament adjourned for the long recess so that Ministers did not have to answer to MPs for its action.

Mr Wilson is said to be especially aggrieved because he did not rush in to ask formally for a recall although he was subject to strong backbench pressure.

The official request was not made until nearly a fortnight after the first internees were rounded up.

The Government believes the need for recall has not been strengthened by the angry exchange of telegrams between Mr Lynch and Mr Heath, the Faulkner-Heath meeting at Chequers, or the decision to set up an independent inquiry into allegations against the Army of brutality.

Mr Wilson will consult senior colleagues in the Shadow Cabinet during the next few days. On his return to London he may make a public statement.

Mr Heath has agreed to see a deputation tomorrow from Belfast on the violence in the city. It will be led by Ald. J. F. Cairns, the Lord Mayor.

The deputation has rejected a suggestion that it should see Mr Maundling, Home Secretary.

HUNGER STRIKE BY PRISON SHIP INTERNEES

The internees in the support ship Maidstone, 10,000 tons, anchored in Belfast harbour, yesterday carried out their threat of a hunger strike campaign by refusing their breakfasts.

All IRA suspects, they complained about lack of exercise, poor food and bad living conditions. Their claims are denied by the security authorities.

The prisoners are also angry that visitors are thoroughly searched before going on board the prison ship.

C. W. GUILLEBAUD
Mr Claude William Guillebaud, the noted economist, died in Cambridge yesterday aged 81. He was concerned in the investigation of remuneration in many sections of industry.
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Sniper kills soldier with single shot

By TONY CONYERS in Belfast

A SNIPER killed a soldier on sentry duty in Belfast yesterday with a single bullet through the head. An Army spokesman said the shooting was "cold-blooded murder."

The soldier was alone in an observation post four storeys high at Flax street mill, headquarters of the First Battalion, Green Howards, who arrived in Belfast three weeks ago for their second spell of duty. He was the third member of the Battalion to die in 15 days.

The shot came from the Catholic Ardoyne area, but despite a prompt search of the area the Army were unable to find either the gunman or the precise place from which he fired.

"Criminal type"
Lt-Col Ronald Eccles, the dead man's commanding officer, said that finding the gunman "is like looking for a needle in a haystack."

He added: "It was cold-blooded murder. Only a criminal type would have done this."

"The men were upset enough over the others but now they are even more so."

"All I can do is to appeal to them to keep their cool. I don't expect any other reaction from them."

The soldier was the fifteenth to die in Ulster since February. The other two Green Howards lost, Ptes John Robinson and Mike Hutton, were also picked off by sniper fire.

Observation posts in many parts of Belfast are protected by transparent sheets of Armalite, a plastic material. Although this will not withstand a high velocity bullet it is still of considerable value against snipers protection against conventional gunfire.

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HEATH STUDIES REPORT ON MALTA

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Heath studied a report by Lord Carrington yesterday on his talks with Mr Mintoff, Maltese Prime Minister, on terms for continued British use of military facilities. A mild indisposition prevented Lord Carrington from seeing the Prime Minister at Chequers.

The Nato allies are being informed of the moderately encouraging talks. Mr Mintoff has not accepted the joint British-Nato offer of an annual £5 million in cash, £3,500,000 in development aid from Britain and further development aid from other allies but he is ready to go on bargaining.

CASTRO MEETS U.S. PLAYERS

Dr Fidel Castro, the Cuban Prime Minister, shook hands, signed autographs and chatted with American volleyball players before they met Cuba in the North Central American and Caribbean championships in Havana yesterday.

Dr Castro told the players that he hoped there would be more sports exchanges between the United States and Cuba and that Cuban teams might soon go to the United States.—Reuter.

POUND UP TO \$2.44

By CLIFFORD GERMAN
Financial Correspondent

THE pound rose by three per cent above its old par value when the London foreign currency market re-opened yesterday after being shut for a week.

Dealers were inundated by telephone enquiries but little business was done by the end of the day the pound was being quoted at \$2.44, an increase of 4 cents or 1½ per cent on its official value.

Currencies were left to find their own value on most continental markets. Sterling increased in value against the mark, which was

quoted at 8.57½ to the pound at 8.57½, the pound compared with 8.19½ when the exchanges closed on Friday, Aug. 13.

The pound also bought more Dutch Guilders, 8.48 to the pound compared with 8.37 ten days ago. Both these currencies have been devalued on a floating market for the past three months and both actually lost ground against the dollar yesterday.

Sterling increased in value against the French trading franc which was held at its rate in Paris by the Banque de France, which bought dollars and sold francs during the morning to stop the franc appreciating in value.

Yesterday afternoon the pound bought 13.51 francs compared with 13.35½ before the latest crisis began.

Sterling also appreciated against the Spanish peseta which is now worth 170 pesetas compared with 168.10. Against the Portuguese escudo the pound was fractionally up from 68½ to 69 escudos.

Sterling actually lost ground against the Swiss franc, the Belgian franc, the Italian lira and the three Scandinavian currencies: all of which appreciated slightly more against the dollar, but the amount is too small to

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EARLY TALKS BY SIX ON DOLLAR CRISIS

By Our Brussels Correspondent

The Common Market countries are expected to meet in Brussels on Sept. 2 and 3 for emergency Ministerial talks on monetary problems raised by the dollar crisis, followed immediately by consultations with Britain, diplomatic sources in Brussels said last night. The meeting was originally arranged for Sept. 13.

The governments of Benelux—Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—are said to regard the meeting as a necessary "prelude" to the financial summit meetings proposed by France.

President Pompidou has proposed that the summit be attended by the six Britain and the other countries which have applied for Market membership—Denmark, Norway and Eire.

TRUDEAU VISIT OFF

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, who was to have visited Britain on Sept. 5-6 for talks with Mr Heath, has postponed his trip because of the dollar crisis. Another date is being arranged.

TRENCH DEATH

A workman was killed when a 10ft-deep trench caved in at Farborough High Street, Kent, yesterday. Another man, Mr Victor Hickman, 35, was pulled from the clay and taken to hospital, where his condition is "fair."

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Weak ridge of high pressure extends across British Isles, pressure low over Spain and S. France.

LONDON, CENT. S. SW ENGLAND, E. W. IRLAND, S. N. WALES: Cloudy, drizzle, some rain, breeze. Wind E. light. Max 72F (22C).

S.E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA: Misty near E. coast, bright spells inland. Perhaps rain. Wind E. light or moderate. 70F (21C).

N.W. CENT. N. E. ENGLAND, LAKE DIST.: Mostly dry, sunny spells. Wind light, variable. 68F (20C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: Wind E. force 4, moderate breeze. Sea slight.

ENGLISH CHANNEL (E): Wind E. force 4 or 5, moderate breeze. Sea slight or moderate.

ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL: Wind N.E. force 4. Sea slight.

IRISH SEA: Wind variable force 1 to 3 light to gentle breeze. Sea smooth.

OUTLOOK: Mostly dry in N., more unsettled in S. with rain.

HUMIDITY FORECAST

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Monday's readings in brackets.

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Russia agrees to Berlin 'freedom' pact

By VINCENT RYDER, Diplomatic Correspondent

IN a major step in East-West relations, ambassadors of America, Russia, Britain and France initialled a draft agreement on Berlin yesterday after 18 months of tough negotiations. Under the agreement, the Communists will no longer inspect goods in transit between West Germany and West Berlin.

The city, 110 miles inside East German territory, has been a focal point of East-West tension since the end of the 1939-45 war. The draft agreement will be published after the four governments have formally endorsed it.

It provides for: Greater security against harassment in movement of people and goods to and from West Berlin.

Easier movement between West and East Berlin for West Berliners.

Russian acceptance of some political links between West Berlin and West Germany, and Establishment of a Russian Consulate-General in West Berlin.

East Germany's claim to hold sovereign powers over the Berlin access routes has been dropped. Although East German inspectors will still man the frontier checkpoints, their powers will be reduced to the minimum.

Lorries, railway wagons and barges carrying goods between West Germany and West Berlin will be sealed and immune to Communist inspection.

No polling
The Russians have also agreed that the Bonn Government may represent West Berlin, which is not a province of the Federal Republic, in international organisations. This would presumably apply to the United Nations if and when both German states are admitted to the world body.

In deference to Communist objections, West Germany will no longer be allowed to hold Presidential elections or plenary Parliamentary sessions in West Berlin.

Details must be worked out between West Germany, East Germany and the West Berlin Senate before the four powers finally confirm the agreement. This is not expected before the end of the year.

Moscow will now press for urgent moves towards a big East-West conference on European security, which the Nato allies have resisted until Russia showed goodwill over Berlin.

Some of the Western allies will be ready to respond quickly but will find Britain reluctant.

The British view is that the Berlin agreement should first go through all the stages to final approval, and then be given time to prove it is working in practice, before a security conference is set up.

INDIA SET FOR TEST VICTORY

England's batting collapsed in the second innings of the third Test at the Oval yesterday, and India need 87 runs for their first victory over England in this country. They have eight wickets left and all today.
E. W. Swanton and picture—P23

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40,000 CORTINAS ACE FAULT TEST

The Ford Motor Company has instructed dealers to contact the owners of 40,000 new Cortinas to check the clutch pedal cross-fit installation.

Several cars built in the first months, following introduction of the latest model last October, have been found to have a retaining clip in a retaining cable incorrectly fitted," a Ford statement said. "A further 25,000 cars exported in this period undergo a similar check."

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FOREIGN CAR IMPORTS DROP AGAIN

By Our City Staff
IMPORTS of foreign cars have been reduced for the second successive month as output of the Ford Cortina and the Morris Marina builds up, according to figures issued today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

Foreign cars took just over 1 per cent of the British market in July, with 19,546 bikes compared with 20,547 in June and 22,957 in May.

In the first seven months of this year, 715,906 new cars were registered in Britain, compared with 673,154 in the corresponding period of 1970.

A survey of car showrooms indicates that sales are tending towards 150,000 for August, compared with 96,519 in July.
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PROBLEMS FOR ARMY IN IRA CAMPAIGN

Brig. W. F. K. THOMPSON, Military Correspondent, in Belfast

THE internment operations in Ulster have, for the time being, seriously weakened the IRA and disrupted its command structure.

Having broken off their battle with the Army on the streets of Belfast on Aug. 14, they turned first to a campaign of intimidation, and are now primarily engaged in bombing buildings in the city, apparently chosen to get the maximum publicity.

YARD TEAM IN ULSTER WITHDRAWN

By T. A. SANDROCK, Crime Correspondent

THE team of Scotland Yard detectives who have been investigating political murders in Northern Ireland has been withdrawn, by agreement between the chief of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Sir John Waldron, Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

About two dozen murders were being followed up, and these inquiries will now be actively pursued by the RUC. The team was led by Det. Chief Supt. Eric Payton. Inquiries had reached the stage "where the presence of these officers in Northern Ireland was no longer considered necessary," said a Yard spokesman.

Specialists called in

A few weeks later, at Chief Supt. Payton's request, other officers, including scientific and fingerprint and photographic experts, were sent to join the team. After three Scottish soldiers were murdered while off duty the team was built up to 20, including two women.

The identity of the chief political murder suspects is now known, but they have fled across the Irish border. There appears to be little hope of extradition.

Throughout their inquiries the team was considerably hampered by witnesses' reluctance to give statements.

All the Yard's Finns back in London.

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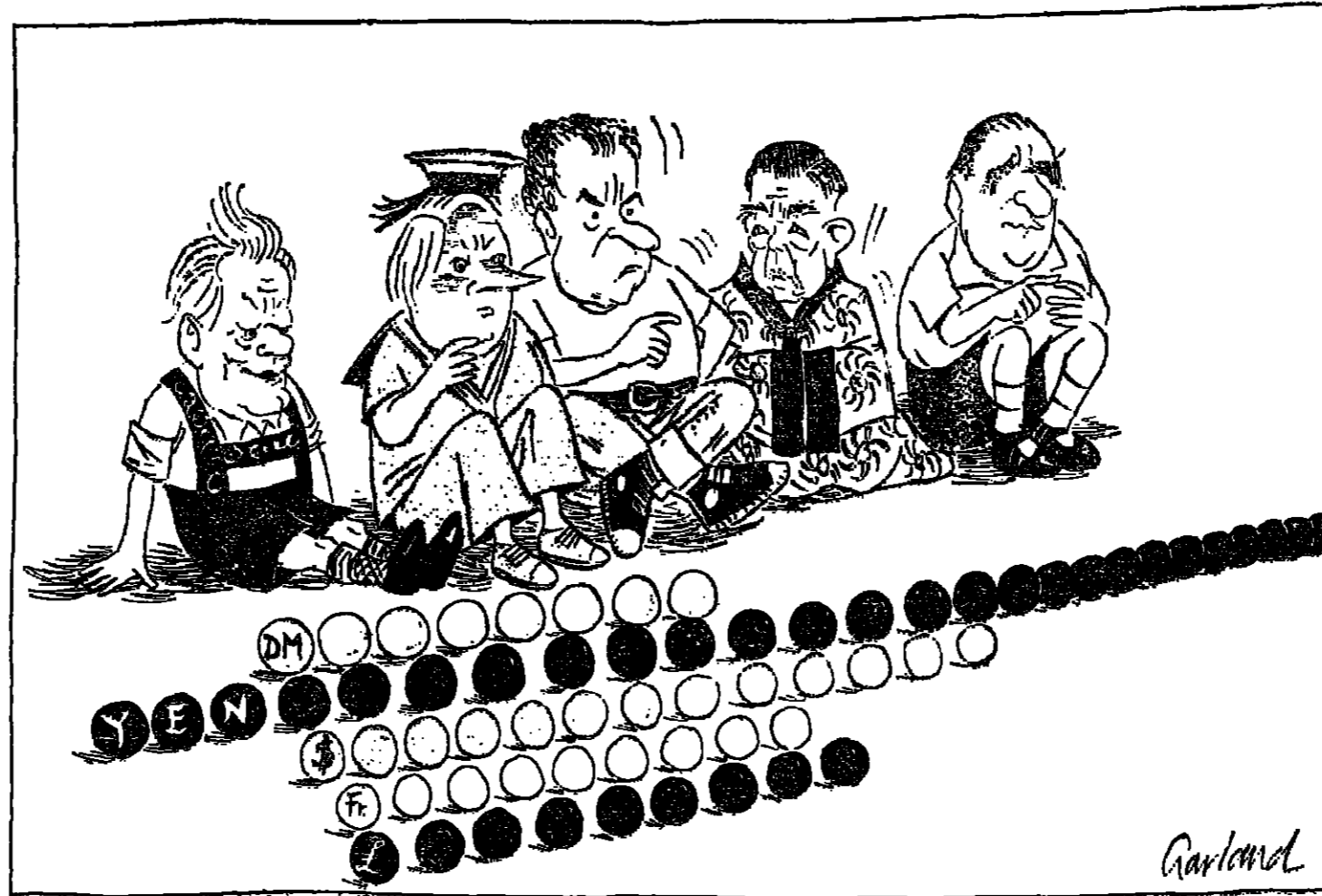
Members of Eire army units were told yesterday not to talk "carelessly" in messes and elsewhere, urging military action along the border with Northern Ireland. They will be instantly dismissed if such discussions are proved to have taken place.

There were reports at the weekend that several members of the FCA, the Territorial third line reserve, had been instantly dismissed by the Army authorities because of such talks. But yesterday the government information bureau in Dublin, said on behalf of the army, that only one member of the force had been discharged "on the ground that his services were no longer required."

A Dublin evening newspaper said yesterday that the Army Intelligence Corps has been checking on men who were said to have extremist Republican views and who were at the point of being refused entry to military barracks and training places.

GIRL, 14, REMANDED

A girl aged 14 was remanded in custody to the care of local authorities until Sept. 1 at Colshill, Warwick, yesterday, accused of murdering Robin McIlone, 3, of Chelmsley Wood, Warwickshire.



Experiments with coloured beads have proved children's ability to think logically.

Problems of quantity easier for children after logic course

By JOHN IZICKI, Education Correspondent

CHILDREN aged seven to eight, who took a course in elementary logic, proved themselves "significantly superior" in dealing with quantitative mathematical problems to those who did not take the course.

4yr COURSE URGED FOR TEACHERS

By JOHN IZICKI, Education Correspondent

THE National Association of Schoolmasters urged the Government yesterday to introduce a four-year training period for teachers. It also wants to see an all-graduate teaching profession.

Teacher training should become part of the higher education system, with would-be teachers reading for either a B.A. (Education) or B.Sc. (Education), according to written and oral evidence by the association to the James Committee investigating teacher training.

The evidence, published today also calls for higher entry standards to colleges of education to ensure that the profession continues to recruit from among the top 15 per cent. of the ability range.

"It is estimated that 15 per cent. of the age group leaving school in 1971-72 will obtain two or more 'A' level General Certificate of Education passes," the association says.

Classroom training

A fifth year of training should be spent inside the classroom, according to the evidence. At present, the year following the three-year college of education training course is spent in "protection" at school and teachers qualify only after favourable reports from heads.

Under the association proposals, the "newly qualified teacher would begin by spending part of his time in continued study under the guidance of a teacher-tutor and the remainder of his time in the classroom, gradually working up to a full teaching timetable."

According to the schoolmasters' plan, students who dropped out of the teacher-training course at the end of the first two years, would be able to go on to complete a normal three-year degree course.

ALCOHOLICS IN NEED OF HELP, FIRMS TOLD

Employers were urged to change their attitude to alcoholism yesterday. They should treat it "as the disease it is," said Mr Michael Broderick, 53, newly appointed industrial officer at the National Council on Alcoholism.

Mr Broderick, a former Devon farmer and recovered alcoholic, wants to meet management to persuade them to formulate a policy for dealing with alcoholics on their payroll. He said there were an estimated 520,000 alcoholics.

Companies should appoint trained supervisors to watch for men whose performance at work was falling, some of them possibly due to alcoholism. He said employees should get sick pay and time off while undergoing treatment for the disease.

SMOKE SIGNALS FROM HOSPITAL AID HELICOPTER

The chimney of a hospital boilerhouse gave out belches of black smoke yesterday to signal a helicopter to land and pick up a patient awaiting transfer to another hospital.

At the same time doctors and nurses at St Helier's Hospital, Carillon, St. Helier, laid sheets to form an "H" on the lawn in front of the hospital, where Mr Rachauji Vagella, 55, of Oakfield Road, West Graydon, was waiting to be flown to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Bucks.

He received a spinal injury in a factory accident five days ago. At Stoke Mandeville four sheets were laid to show the pilot where to land.

MAN ACCUSED OF MURDERING HIS FIVE CHILDREN

A man already accused of the murder of his wife appeared in court at Colchester, Kent, yesterday, also charged with murdering his five children.

Richard Thomas Pankhurst, 51, stood in the dock supported by two prison officers. He was remanded in custody in hospital at Wormwood Scrubs until Aug 31.

The bodies of his wife, Wendy, 29, and five children, Susie, Nicholas, Sarah, Aubrey and Gary, were found at their home at Chalkhurst, Biddenden, Kent on June 25. Pankhurst was found with severe burns at the foot of an electricity pylon a nearby field.

MURDER CHARGE

A 14-year-old boy was remanded in custody until Friday by magistrates at Tamworth, Staffs, accused of murdering his father, who was found stabbed in the chest at East Street, Tamworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday.

LYNCH CONSIDERS NEXT MOVE

By T. E. UREY in Dublin

NON-UNIONIST M.P.s and Senators from Stormont arrived here yesterday afternoon for discussions with Mr Lynch and senior members of his Government.

The meeting, which was still going on at 7 p.m., was followed by meetings between the Northern Irish contingent, and leaders of the two main opposition parties, Fine Gael and the Labour party. Mr Lynch's Cabinet will meet this morning.

There is much speculation in Dublin about the measures which the Government may decide to take in support of civil disobedience in the North. One suggestion is that it might grant financial aid to all Catholics willing to give up offices of profit in the Northern Irish administration, central and local.

This, however, could prove to be an open-ended commitment which would impose a vast burden on taxpayers in the Republic. What is more, substantial financial aid would require the consent of the Dail, which is not in a mood to give it.

It is believed Mr Lynch has no wish to resort during the recess.

Sensitive matter

Public money for the North also has been a politically sensitive matter ever since the arms scandal of May, 1970, which led to the dismissal of two Cabinet ministers and the resignation of a third. It may be that Mr Lynch will find it impossible at the moment to offer the opposition in the North anything more than moral support and continuing publicity.

There is much satisfaction in Government circles here about what is felt to be the extraordinary progress of civil disobedience across the border. This is tempered, however, by regret at the growing disunity of the movement.

It is noted that radicals, like Miss Devlin and Mr McCann, are strongly opposed to the direction and sponsoring of the civil disobedience movement by Mr Lynch's government, which they regard as a bunch of "green Tories." This feeling is shared by both wings of the IRA.

IRA CHIEF FACES DUBLIN CHARGES

Mr Cathal Goulding, 49, the official IRA Chief of Staff, was remanded on bail in Dublin yesterday until Sept. 3 on two indictments summonses.

Goulding, a house painter, of St Enda's Drive, Rathfarnham, Dublin, is charged under the Explosives Act and the Firearms Act with allegedly having incited people to commit indictable crimes and malicious damage.

Protestant mothers and children flee Belfast

By TONY CONYERS in Belfast

At least 1,300 frightened Protestant mothers and children are leaving streets off the Crumlin Road area of Belfast this week for the safety of Scotland and the North of England.

On Sunday 130 sailed for Ardrossan. Yesterday some 200 followed in their wake, and by the end of the week 300 more are expected to have left the area, in which in the past there has been violent rioting.

The Orange Order are organising their voyages. Already 500 have arrived in Liverpool in the past 15 days, and been boarded with sympathetic Protestant families.

Tearful parting

Five streets off the Crumlin Road are affected, and yesterday the Belfast Protestant Relief Committee announced that 82 children aged 25 adults had left Belfast to live in Scotland for "an indefinite period." The Scottish Orange Order has arranged accommodation.

There were tearful scenes as children, some with their mothers, boarded buses to take them to the docks. Husbands and elder sons stayed behind. So did some mothers.

Families were reluctant to discuss their specific reasons for leaving at this time. They all used words such as "fear" and "frightened," even though none of the recent gun battles have been fought in the Crumlin Road and none of the bomb attacks have directly affected them.

"Had enough" Army appeals to both Catholics and Protestants alike to stay put and resist intimidation. One man, a father of three, said: "We all feel there is more to come. We have had enough and we want to make sure our wives and children are away when it breaks out."

The departure of so many well-populated areas is not necessarily indicative of an increasing fear of IRA terrorism. The security forces here that after the people have had a bit of a holiday they will come back. It is extremely unlikely that they have been because Protestants are being persecuted by Catholics living on the other side of the peace line.

Dr Barnardo's take in paying children

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

HOMES run by Dr Barnardo's, the charity with a £4-million-a-year income founded 105 years ago for destitute children, are taking in a number of children on a paying basis where their families are able to contribute to their support.

Parents "above the bread-line cases" are charged according to their means, Mr Nicholas Lowe, deputy general secretary, said yesterday.

"We have some children in our care whose material needs at home are adequate." He added that there had been occasional complaints that children not in need of help were being cared for.

But these complaints come from people who did not realise that there were "psychological as well as physical needs we can help, and that this is part of a new emphasis on preventive work among problem families."

Managers resigning

This policy is being given renewed impetus by Dr Herbert Ellis, a research worker and company director, who is to take over next month as director general of Dr Barnardo's.

He will lead a reduced management. Both the general secretary, Mr Peter Hunt, 41, and the director of child care, Mr Vyvyan Cornish, 58, who acted as joint managers, are resigning.

Dr Barnardo's stressed yesterday that there had been no acrimony over the resignations, and no one had been dismissed. All were working in the interests of the charity.

Explaining the presence in care of some children whose parents were able to contribute to their support, Mr Lowe said: "Perhaps one of the parents has been sent to prison."

"Or perhaps the mother cannot cope with her children for reasons other than poverty and is in the verge of a breakdown."

Day care service

Most of the child care cases dealt with by Dr Barnardo's are referred to them by local authorities. About 4,000 children are in homes and just over 3,000 more are looked after through the organisations' family care service.

The annual budget comes to about £4 million. To keep one child in a home for a year costs around £200, compared with £15 in 1972.

Among those receiving help from Dr Barnardo's are increasing numbers in day care for children whose mothers have to work. This is part of the charity's switch of emphasis from residential care to preventive work among problem families.

WEATHER FAVOURS HARVEST

By W. D. THOMAS, Agricultural Correspondent

EAST ANGLIA has been fortunate with its weather and farmers have recently made considerable progress with their cereals harvest, especially barley.

Over most of the past week the combines have worked late in Norfolk and Suffolk. In Norfolk, where 300,000 acres of cereals are grown, nearly 4,000 combines were busy.

But the early promise of record-breaking crops has faded everywhere. Disease has played havoc with the barley in Suffolk and some yields have been as low as 23 cwt an acre.

One farmer, noted as a cereals grower, said barley yields on his heavy land were most disappointing.

In Norfolk one farmer estimated that his spring barley yields, though by no means bumper, are up by half-a-ton to the acre on 1970.

Satisfactory wheat

Wheat is generally a more satisfactory crop. A record acreage is being harvested in Suffolk, where it did well on heavy land. Disease has not been so troublesome as in barley, though some wheat fields show signs of rust.

In Suffolk wild oats have presented farmers with a serious problem. The weed has appeared in places where it has previously been unknown.

Mr T. H. Morris, chairman of the Norfolk branch of the National Farmers' Union, who grows 400 acres of cereals at Bircham Tofts, King's Lynn, said his spring barley yields at 30 to 32 cwt to the acre were better than last year. Winter barley had been affected by a mildew and yields were under 30 cwt to the acre.

The prospects for winter wheat were reasonable. But farmers in the area feared the effect of thunderstorms.

Mr Morris added: "It is a bit of a disappointment that last year, but it is by no means the bumper harvest forecast before we started work in the fields."

Barley for malting

Mr Peter Savory, former chairman of the National Farmers' Union, who grows over 100 acres of winter barley in his cropping programme of 235 acres, is hoping to finish his complete harvesting this month on his farm at Saxlingham, Holt.

He said barley yields had been variable. Winter barley yielded 30 cwt to the acre and early cuts on light land did not do better than 25 cwt to the acre. The quality of his winter barley, sold for malting, was good, while quality of spring barley, which was going for seed, was "netly fair."

Mr Savory added that while it was a better barley yield year than in 1970 in the county, there could be some light land farmers who would not do much better.

Regarding wheat more farmers had sown in the good autumn of 1970 and the crop had stood well, though he would be surprised if his own yields came up in the two tons an acre of last year.

In the Isle of Ely, Mr John Headon, director of a farm, said his 300 acres of winter wheat on rich fenlands at Chatterton, is hoping for the 41 cwt an acre yield he got last year.

The outlook for main crop potatoes and sugar beet in the area is good.

BY-ELECTION PLEA

Mrs Diana Jenda, prospective Parliamentary Labour candidate for Macclesfield, presented a petition at 10 Downing Street yesterday, signed by 4,000 people, urging an immediate by-election in her constituency. Macclesfield has been without an MP since April, when Sir Arthur Vere Harcourt, Conservative, was made a life peer.

BRITON REMANDED

By Our Stockholm Correspondent A 25-year-old Briton was remanded in custody yesterday at Hallsholmen, central Sweden, accused of armed robbery and of being an accessory to an about-to-be-published break in the news. He was reported yesterday.

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RUBBISH' SHOW IS FUN, SAYS ORGANISER

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN

SPONSORS of the controversial Art Spectrum exhibition at Alexandra Palace, which has been partly financed by the Arts Council defended it yesterday against criticisms that many of the exhibits are "rubbish" and some obscene.

Mr John Kitcher, 29, the organiser, said: "The object of the exhibition is to be a spectrum of what professional artists are doing in London today. If some of the works are obscene, it is a reflection of the way certain artists feel."

Mr Kitcher, visual arts officer for the Greater London Arts Association, said: "We knew the exhibition would be controversial when we saw the names of the artists because a lot of them are experimental."

"The exhibition is supposed to be fun. There is a current of opinion against the solemnity of art which puts it into galleries and museums and gilt frames and has nothing to do with people today."

The exhibition cost £10,000 to put on. It received a £2,000 grant from the Arts Council and a further £2,000 from the Greater London Arts Association, which itself has received £21,000 this year in Arts Council grants.

Haphazard displays
The Arts Council also gave £800 in grants to artists to help them buy materials or hire equipment for their exhibits, and a further £900 to help subsidise theatrical, musical and other performances at the exhibition.

Art Spectrum comprises a hazy assortment of 140 items, including contributions by John Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono, displayed haphazardly in the cavernous and dingy Great Hall of the Victorian Alexandra Palace.

Exhibits range from a vast, rinning caricature of the Prime Minister, with a yellow face resembling Donald Duck wearing a sailor's cap, to crudely-painted pictures of the sex act. One of the highlights is a tar-sail-covered shack built of old doors and packing cases and surrounded by an extraordinary collection of litter, including rotting bananas, rusty door locks, empty food cans, jam jars and soft drink bottles.

Items which received Arts Council grants include a plastic card, 6ft high, representing a chocolate-faced girl with a sandy-striped cigarette holder.

The artist, Alistair Allen, 25, received £50 for materials. A similar amount went to an American woman, Carlisle Reedy, 29, described in the catalogue as an "events artist," who contributed a coffin-shaped play-pen for children.

Miss Reedy, wearing a long dress and red plastic raincoat, said yesterday she had spent two nights in the hall in meditation. "Last night," she said, "I noted all the shadows made by the exhibits."

The caricature of Mr Heath, fixed to the hall's organ so that the mauve-painted pipes represent the Prime Minister's teeth, was the idea of John Lennon, who had it designed and built at his own expense without Arts Council aid.

His own contribution is a roll of disposable plastics gloves, and his wife's exhibit is a pediment of transparent plastics with a plaque reading "Look at me, I'm only small."

The exhibition, which opened on Aug. 11 and closes next Monday, has been attracting an average 600 visitors a day. Admission is 25p for adults and 15p for students, old age pensioners and children under 16, with 20p for a catalogue.

Little merit

Visitors found the exhibition amusing, but few thought it had much artistic merit.

Miss Celia Robinson, 19, an arts student, said yesterday: "It's like a rubbish tip. It all seems quite negative. I liked the house made out of packing cases. It seemed to sum up the whole thing."

A schoolgirl, Diane Gay, 14, said: "Some of it is attractive but it doesn't mean anything to me." Her friend, Bridget Wheale, also 14, said: "Some of it is artistic, but I don't understand it. I suppose the artists knew what they were doing."

Mr Paul Tudor, a bank manager, said: "Some of it has artistic merit, but some is not art at all, just exhibitionism."



CHURCH'S ART FIND TO BE SOLD

Daily Telegraph Reporter
A 600-year-old painting by an Italian master, found hanging in a small country church in Cambridgeshire, is to be auctioned at Sotheby's.

A Consistory Court at Cambridge granted permission yesterday for the 14th-century painting by Martino di Bartolomeo to be auctioned to meet renovation costs. The painting was found in the church of St Nicholas at Manca (pop. 1,465), near Ely, where it had hung for many years before it aroused the interest of the vicar, Canon Wilfred Burne.

Roof renovation

Shortly after getting it unofficially valued at between £4,000 and £5,000, Canon Burne heard from surveyors that his church roof needed renovating at a cost of about £2,500.

After the hearing, Canon Burne said: "Without these funds I think we would have had great difficulty in raising the necessary money."

His church has an average Sunday attendance of 20 to 25.

The work of the Post Office being explained by its chairman, Mr William Ryland, over lunch at the Savoy yesterday to Chung Fu-Hsiang, head of China's Telecommunications Administration. With them is Mme Hsu Hui-Fen, an interpreter.

Soccer hooligans given maximum sentences

Daily Telegraph Reporter
MAGISTRATES in the Midlands imposed maximum fines and sentences yesterday on several youths involved in incidents before and during Saturday's League soccer matches at Leicester and Walsall.

At Walsall, magistrates gave Noel Christopher Kehoe, 18, of Park Lane, Aston, Birmingham, the maximum sentence of three months in a detention centre for behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

At Leicester, magistrates imposed fines totalling £825 on 10 football supporters after scenes at the match between Leicester City and Derby County. Four youths were fined the maximum of £100 after admitting threatening behaviour.

They were LEONARD LAMB, 18, of Ivanhoe Avenue, Attle-

borough, Warwicks; TERENCE FARMER, 19, of Cross Lane, Mountsorrel, Leics; ALAN DIXON, 19, of Lybgate Lane, Burbage, Leics; and JOHN MORAN, 18, of Hoball Close, Leicester.

Five other youths were fined £75 each and one youth was fined £50, for threatening behaviour. Three youths were remanded for reports, two of them with a view to Borstal training.

Mr Cyril Hadley, chairman, said: "It is only a fortnight since I gave a very strict warning that penalties, heavy as they were, would be increased in the future if this sort of thing did not stop."

"It has not stopped. In fact it is getting worse. Damage to property is bad enough, but unfortunately in Leicester we have to feel a bit ashamed, as someone has been lying at the door of death through the way in which some of you people have been behaving."

NO CHEESE FOR VIP CHINESE

Daily Telegraph Reporter
TWELVE Chinese Government officials who lunched at the Savoy yesterday told their host—Mr William Ryland, Post Office chairman—that they wanted "simple" food.

They chose: melon, veal with potatoes and vegetables, and fruit salad. They declined wine and had only soft drinks. After the meal they produced Chinese cigars for Mr Ryland, other Post Office officials and themselves.

Later, they visited the Post Office Tower, where they had tea in the cocktail lounge. Restaurant staff were forewarned not to provide any dishes containing cheese, the smell of which the Chinese find offensive.

£10-a-night hotel
The group, including Mme Hsu Hui-Fen, a young woman interpreter in a trouser suit, are in Britain for two weeks as guests of the Government.

In London, they are staying at the Churchill Hotel in the West End, where they have single bedrooms costing about £10 a night and a sitting room for their exclusive use.

The visit is the latest example of the improved relations between Britain and Peking. It comes four months after the reopening of direct telephone services between the two countries after a 22-year interval.

The presence in the party of Chung Fu-Hsiang, head of the Telecommunications Administration, is evidence of the happier diplomatic relationship. He is the first visitor of Ministerial status from the People's Republic of China to come to Britain for several years.

Mission secrecy

All 12 visitors are officials of the Telecommunications Administration and are being urged to buy British. But they will not say whether they have come to buy or just look at the shop window.

The Chinese were no more forthcoming to the Department of Trade and Industry, which arranged the visit, or the Post Office, who were hosts on the group's first full day in London yesterday.

MINING AREA TO BECOME VILLAGE

A project to turn part of the West Midlands from an area scarred by opencast mining into a community providing 2,000 homes was launched yesterday by Mr Walker, Environment Secretary.

Dudley Corporation and the Page Johnson building group, of Birmingham, are developing a self-contained 230-acre village at Withymore, near Stourbridge.

Judge powerless to stop 'wrongful' non-union sacking

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

A VACATION COURT judge said yesterday he had no doubt that an engineering company would be committing a wrongful act if it dismissed an employee for refusing to join a trade union—but he had no power to restrain that wrong.

He dismissed a motion by Mr JOHN WILLIAM HILL, 65, of Benwell Hill Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, who sought an interim injunction to stop his employers from ending his employment.

That time recognised DATA and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs. But DATA wanted exclusive recognition.

This was granted by the company after a work-to-rule in December, 1968. In the following year, Mr Hill and certain of his colleagues joined the United Kingdom Association of Professional Engineers.

In May, 1970, after a strike by DATA members, the company, said to be then in a critical financial position, agreed to the union's demands, so that membership of DATA within 12 months became compulsory for employees.

It was in accordance with this agreement that the company wrote to Mr Hill last May notifying him of the change in the conditions of his employment.

Mr Hill's failure to join the union brought another letter from the company on July 30 ending his employment. The Judge said it was conceded by the company that they had no right to alter Mr Hill's conditions of employment unilaterally.

Mr Hill and 38 of his colleagues had declined to join because they considered themselves professional engineers, and it would be contrary to their code of ethics to become involved in any future strike action.

Court's powers

Discussing the application for interim relief pending the trial of the action, the Judge said that in his view it was clear that if the company acted on the notice of dismissal, it would be a wrongful dismissal.

But the question that arose for decision was whether the court had power to restrain the company from implementing its wrongful threat pending trial of the action.

He decided that none of the submissions made on behalf of Mr Hill enabled him to escape from the general rule that the court would not specifically enforce a contract of employment. He said that as the law stood the only relief available to an employee wrongfully dismissed was an action and an award of damages.

Mr Hill's action is a test case on whose outcome 38 other cases involving employees of the same company depend.

Victim of dispute
Giving judgment on the motion, the Judge said it was the aftermath of a dispute between the company and DATA. Mr Hill was the victim of that dispute.

By his present action, he was seeking to preserve his employment. The facts were not in dispute.

Mr Hill, a professional engineer, was responsible in the company for the due implementation of all engineering contracts. He had served the company for 35 years, and there was no complaint about his efficiency or conduct.

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BERLIN AGREEMENT OPENS DOOR TO EAST-WEST THAW

By DAVID SHEARS in West Berlin

RUSSIA and the three Western allies agreed yesterday to a compromise Berlin settlement which could open the door to an era of East-West negotiations.

The pact still needs final approval by the Governments in Moscow, London, Paris and Washington. Some technical details have also to be settled in what could prove to be lengthy and tricky negotiations between East and West Germany.

But Mr Kenneth Rush, the American Ambassador at whose Berlin villa yesterday's Four Power meeting was held, claimed that the agreement would bring "excellent practical improvements" in the lives of Berliners.

"This is a very important step forward," he said. "We have reached an agreement that should be endorsed by all concerned and all Germans, including the Berliners."

Mr Rush refused to be drawn on whether the pact meant that a genuine thaw was now under way between Russia and the West.

Bonn treaties

But Herr Brandt, the West German Chancellor, will submit his 1970 treaties to Russia and Poland in the Bonn Bundestag for ratification as soon as the complete Berlin agreement, including results of the East-West German talks, has been signed and sealed.

More important, the settlement is regarded by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as the key to the conference on European security which Russia and her allies have been urging for years.

The official communiqué issued after yesterday's five-hour meeting of the Four Powers ambassadors read: "The Ambassadors of the Four Powers continued their negotiations on Aug. 23, 1971, at the residence of the American Ambassador in the American sector of Berlin."

Participating in the meeting were the Ambassadors of France, J. V. Sauvagnargues, the Ambassador of Great Britain, Sir Roger Jackling, the Ambassador of the Soviet Union, P. A. Abramov, and the Ambassador of America, Kenneth Rush, who presided.

The Ambassadors reached accord on the draft text of an overall agreement for submission to their Governments for consideration.

The date of the next Ambassadorial meeting will be determined in the near future.

Concessions made

Although the terms of yesterday's agreement are still unpublished they have been widely forecast in the Press, including The Daily Telegraph last Saturday.

Both Russian and the West made concessions in the live-and-let-live pact which was hammered out in 17 months of tough negotiations between the four Ambassadors and their teams.

It leaves most of the legal anomalies affecting the divided city unresolved. It will not reduce the Berlin Wall or the other formidable barriers dividing East from West Germany by a single stone or strand of barbed wire.

But it will allow West Berliners, for the first time since the wall was built 10 years ago, to travel to East Berlin and East Germany on the same terms as citizens of West Germany proper.

East Germany is the big loser. Its Communist regime's scope for provoking Berlin crises by blocking the vital roads, railways and canals serving West Berlin's two million people has been sharply reduced if not eliminated.

Sealed transport

East Germany's claim to hold sovereign powers over the Berlin access routes has been dropped. Although East German inspectors will still man frontier checkpoints, their powers will be reduced to the minimum.

Lorries, railway wagons and barges carrying goods between West Germany and West Berlin, 110 miles inside Communist territory, will be sealed and immune from Communist inspection.

Whether any spot checks will be allowed on passengers travelling by car, train and bus between Berlin and the West is not quite clear. Their vehicles will not be sealed.

But the four powers have agreed that any such passenger checks should be confined to confirming personal identity. No longer will whole categories of passengers, such as Bonn civil servants or members of extreme right-wing parties, be liable to be turned back at the border.

Russian responsibility

Final details of access procedures will be worked out between West and East German negotiators. But the important point is that Russia has now formally accepted her ultimate responsibility for smooth travel and transport between Berlin and the West.

The Russians have agreed that the Bonn Government may represent West Berlin, which, strictly speaking, is not a province of the Federal Republic, in international organisations. This would presumably apply to the United Nations if and when both German States are admitted to the world body.

In deference to Communist objections, however, West Germany will no longer be allowed to hold Presidential elections or plenary Parliamentary sessions in West Berlin, though it can maintain certain Government

offices in the city and hold Parliamentary Committee sessions there.

Since nobody had expected any more Presidential elections or Bundestag sessions in Berlin, there is not much in these or other provisions of the pact for the Opposition Christian Democrats in Bonn to assail as a "sell-out."

Cautious reaction

Herr Barzel, the Opposition floor leader in Bonn, was predictably cautious in his immediate reaction.

He said his party would study the terms carefully when they were published. Otherwise he confined himself to recalling Sunday's latest shooting at the Berlin Wall and voicing the fear that people in "the other part of Germany"—meaning the East Germans—would remain wall-fled.

The text of yesterday's draft agreement is to be published when it is signed by the two Ambassadors, probably in two weeks' time, following approval by their Governments.

Herr Bahr and Herr Kolb, the West and East German State Secretaries who have been conducting talks fitfully for many months, are to hold another session on Thursday.

Green light

But they will still be discussing matters outside the scope of the Berlin agreement. They will not be given the green light to discuss Berlin access procedure until after next month's expected signing ceremony.

There will also be separate talks between East and West Berlin on details of Wall-crossing visits by West Berliners.

When these intra-German negotiations have ended, the entire agreement will be made ready for formal signature, perhaps by the Big Four Foreign Ministers. But this culmination is still several months away.

In the meantime, Bonn Government officials are gratified that the basic pact has been achieved. One senior German diplomat said: "The West squeezed the Russians so hard for concessions that the pips squeaked."

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SMUGGLERS IN £2m GOLD RACKET

By Our Bonn Staff

More than 8,800lb of fine gold valued at £2,250,000 has been smuggled into West Germany from Britain and Switzerland, Herr Hans Joachim Bodie, state prosecutor in Karlsruhe, disclosed yesterday. No Britons were involved.

Herr Bodie said the gold had been bought at regular market prices in Britain and Switzerland. It had been smuggled in airliners and motor cars, mostly to the Pfalzheim area, where it was sold to banks and private holders.

An illegal profit of more than £220,000 had been made by avoiding the 11 per cent West German import tax. Only a minor proportion of the smuggled gold was of British origin. Three of the six alleged smugglers are being held in pre-trial custody.

INVASION SCARE AFTER KOREA JAIL-BREAK

A prison break in South Korea yesterday led to an enemy landing scare, the Defence Minister offering his resignation and the killing or wounding of all 25 captives. Two guards and two policemen were also killed.

Defence Minister Nac-Hyuk Jung, who said he was taking responsibility for the whole incident and offering to resign, announced that the 25 were "special criminals" jailed on the west coast island of Silmdo, off Inchon. His Ministry at first mistook them for North Korean guerrillas.

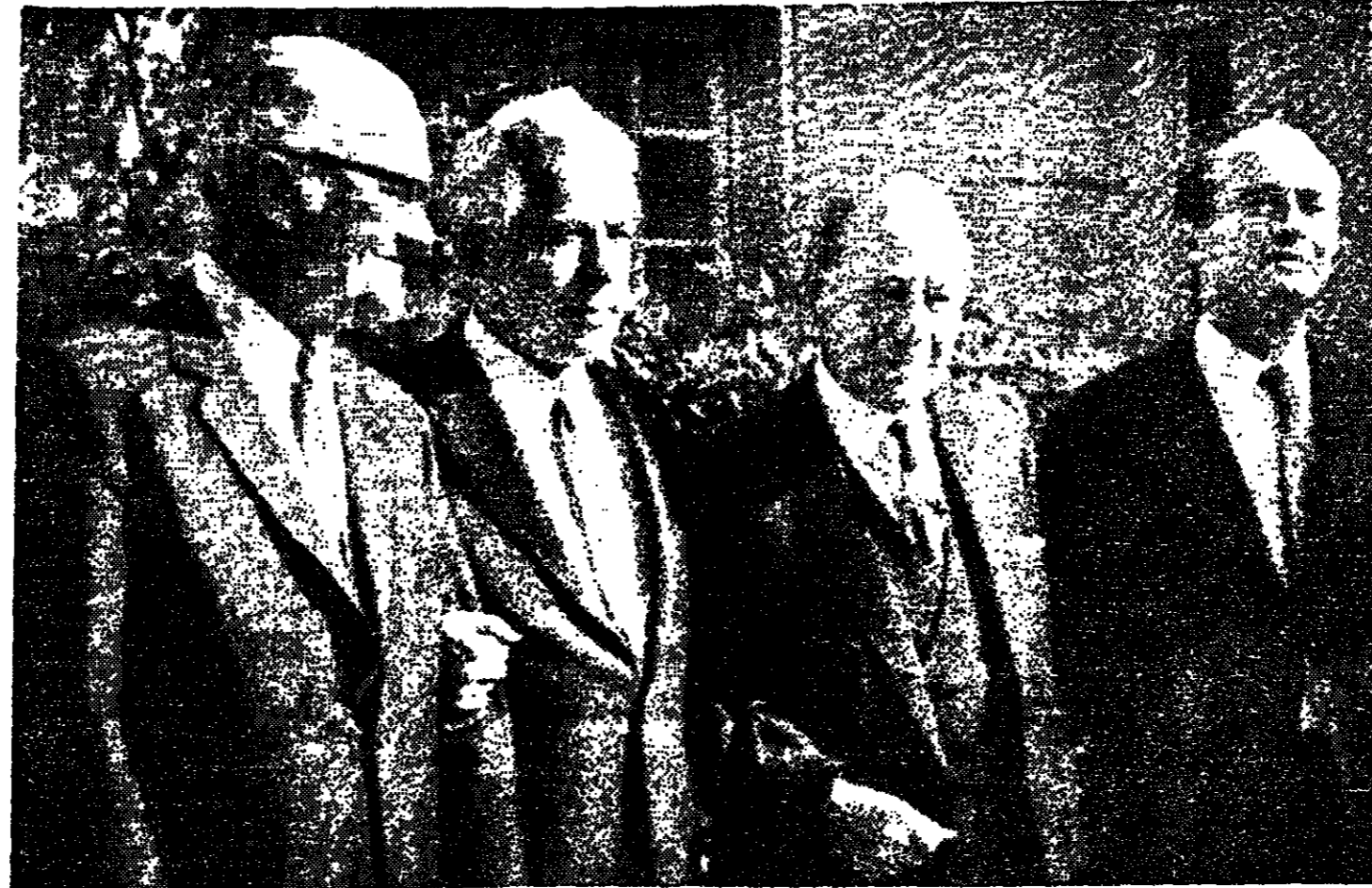
He retracted an earlier statement that there had been a guerrilla landing. At one point, Kimpo international airport west of Seoul was closed to all international and domestic flights except for one Tokyo-bound flight.—Reuter.

ARMED GUARDS SEIZE STUDENT SKYJACKER

By Our Cairo Correspondent

A Somali student, seized by two armed guards as he tried to board an Egyptian plane to Israel on Sunday, was reported yesterday. The plane, carrying 90 passengers, was flying between Cairo and Amman.

The student was arrested by the Jordanian authorities at Amman. The guards had captured him when he moved towards the pilot's cabin after unknowingly telling one of them about his skyjack plan.



CIVILIAN MAY LEAD E. BENGAL

THE Pakistani Government is considering replacing the military governor of East Pakistan with a Bengali civilian, senior Government officials said in Rawalpindi yesterday.

Dr A. M. Malik, 66, President Yahya's special representative in the East, has been mentioned as the man most likely to succeed Lt-Gen. Tikka Khan. The move would be part of the effort to create an atmosphere in the East which would attract refugees back to the province and gain the confidence of the predominantly Bengali population.

Led suppression

Gen. Tikka is a West Pakistani, and led troops in the suppression of East Bengal in March which resulted in the arrest of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the outbreak of fighting between the Army and secessionists.

Besides being Governor, Gen. Tikka is also martial law administrator. What his new role might be was not stated. A civilian governor in the East would continue to operate under the military régime.—A.P.

Starvation kills 450 children

By Our Calcutta Correspondent

At least 450 children have died of malnutrition in refugee camps in West Bengal, the state health department announced yesterday in Calcutta. The lives of many more were in danger.

Immediate supplies of protein were needed to ease the suffering of hundreds more children. There has been a recent increase in refugees, which are now arriving at more than 40,000 a day, and food supplies cannot keep up to demand.

There are now about eight million refugees in four states, with West Bengal alone accommodating 6,200,000. More than 5,000 people have died from cholera in the past four months, but the disease has been controlled.

Four million refugees have been inoculated against cholera and two-and-a-half million against smallpox.

DACCA ARMY ATTACK

Five civilians killed

Our Staff Correspondent in Dacca cabled: Five civilians were reported killed by Pakistani troops in Dacca early yesterday when a patrol fired on suspected members of Mukti Bahar, the Bangla Desh guerrilla organisation.

Police and soldiers surrounded the area after the shooting and carried out a house-to-house search for arms.

'Eight ships sunk'

Our Staff Correspondent in New Delhi cabled: East Pakistani sabotage crews have sunk eight cargo ships, six of them foreign, and captured or sunk 23 river craft and barges throughout the province. Bangla Desh spokesmen said yesterday in New Delhi.

SOUP RECALLED IN U.S. AFTER POISON FIND

By Our New York Staff

The Campbell Soup Company, America's largest soup manufacturer, has recalled more than 4,000 cases of condensed chicken vegetable soup packed by its Paris, Texas, plant, after botulism contamination was discovered in part of one day's output there.

The soup was distributed in 16 Southern and Western States and so far about 56 per cent of the cases have been found. Botulism is a poisoning of the nervous system by the toxin botulin, produced by bacteria. The germ is widely found in soil.

The germ is normally killed by high, prolonged heat in canning but it survives when the heat is not sufficient. The company said no illness had been reported and that the contamination had been discovered at the plant.

Ambassadors who have completed a draft agreement for a Berlin settlement standing yesterday outside the West Berlin residence of Mr Rush (extreme left), United States Ambassador in Bonn. With him from left: Mr Abramov (Soviet Union), Sir Roger Jackling (Great Britain) and M. Sauvagnargues (France).

Mustangs strafe La Paz student stronghold

By FRANK TAYLOR in Buenos Aires

BOLIVIAN Air Force planes bombed and strafed La Paz yesterday in attempts to crush the last student groups holding out for Gen. Torres, the Left-wing President overthrown by a Right-wing military coup.

Infantry supported by armoured vehicles also advanced against the 15-storey building. Machine-gun fire was heard in surrounding streets and smoke was seen coming from the building.

Passers-by dived for cover as Mustang planes of 1958-59 vintage dived on strafing runs and students hidden in surrounding streets opened fire. The revolution appeared over early yesterday, before the latest outbreak of shooting. Gen. Torres was given refuge in the Peruvian embassy and Col Hugo Banzer was proclaimed President.

Supporters' demand

Col Banzer is facing demands from his supporters for a swift return to democratic rule. Reports from La Paz yesterday indicated that some of his backers in the coup are insisting that all but two of the 14 cabinet posts should go to non-militant men.

Col Banzer has already given the interior Ministry portfolio to Col Andres Solich, whose chief claim to fame is that he led Bolivian troops in the fight against Che Guevara. Other cabinet posts have gone to members of the nationalist revolutionary movement and the Bolivian Socialist Falange.

When he took over as President, Col Banzer declared that his action in ousting Gen Torres was an "irrevocable step in the history of Bolivia," as the 17th President in 25 years he is doubtless aware of the precarious nature of Bolivian military régimes.

CHINA SENDS HELP

By Our Hongkong Correspondent

China's Red Cross announced yesterday it had given £28,571 for the relief of typhoon victims in Hongkong.

AMIN PROTECTS PROPERTY OF OBOTE

By Our Kampala Correspondent

Uganda had taken stern measures to protect the property of Dr Milton Obote against Government troops who want to take revenge on the deposed leader by stealing or destroying it. President Amin said at the weekend.

He would continue to protect Dr Obote's property and that of his family, and would not take a penny from him. The former president has a house in the Lango district of northern Uganda and a luxury villa in Kampala.

The military guards at the villa, where Mrs Obote still lives, were withdrawn at the weekend, and although she is now free to travel she is apparently not planning to leave.

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'FOREIGN POWER AIDING REBELS' IN PHILIPPINES

Filipino rebels were receiving the support of a "foreign power" to overthrow the Government by armed rebellion, President Ferdinand Marcos said yesterday as his Government announced it would detain without trial anyone suspected of rebellion or insurrection.

The President did not name the "foreign power" when he made a radio and television broadcast after a grenade attack on Saturday during a rally in Manila of the Opposition Liberal party. Eight people died and more than 50 were injured.

Government sources said the rebels were receiving help from the Philippines.

Around America

WARNING TO CORRUPT POLICEMAN

By Our New York Staff

MANY of New York's police commanders are to be relieved of their posts by Police Commissioner Patrick Murphy because he is "fed up with their inadequate response" to his order to root out corruption in the city force.

Under scrutiny are 160 commanders above the rank of captain and 75 captains who act as precinct commanders. In an outspoken condemnation of his senior subordinates, Commissioner Murphy declared: "I'm not satisfied that they have been vigorous enough."

"They haven't been doing their job as far as integrity is concerned and I am fed up," he said. Corruption related to narcotics was particularly disturbing to him but it covered everything from "gambling to double-parking."

Police were unable to suggest a predetermined plot to overthrow the predominantly Puerto Rican neighbourhoods. The balls, some injected with acid and some with petrol, were placed in paper containers and the fires started when acid reached the fuel.

BROADWAY PROFIT

'Hair' money-spinner

BROADWAY shows made a profit of £749,702 during the 1970-71 season. In the previous season, they lost over £295,000.

Figures issued by the State Theatre-General office for 69 Broadway productions showed that the biggest money-spinners were "Hair" and "Oh, Calcutta!" Losses of well over £25,000 were incurred by off-Broadway shows.

Jordanians hunt down guerrillas in Lebanon

By Our Staff Correspondent in Beirut

MEMBERS of the Sa'qa (Thunderbolt) unit of the Jordanian Army have been sent to the Lebanon to the Lebanese Army and Palestinian guerrillas, according to a report in Beirut yesterday.

A privately circulated English-language newsletter published by An-Nahar said some 40 Jordanian officers and men have arrived in the Lebanon.

The Palestinian "commander in chief" Yasser Arafat has held discussions with Mr Salam, the Lebanese Prime Minister, on the matter, according to the report.

The report of Jordanians moving into the Lebanon came on the same day that Al-Falah, the largest guerrilla organisation, announced that it was "no longer underground" in the country. All its offices would be closed and camps moved.

Only one information office in Lebanon is now kept open. Lebanon is now the only Arab country which allows the Palestinian guerrillas to operate freely from its territory. There are none left in Jordan since King Hussein's latest crackdown, and in Syria, all guerrillas are under the control of the Army.

Israel retaliates

In south Lebanon, the guerrillas have certain areas allotted to them, and Israel forces frequently cross the border to blow up houses in retaliation for their attacks. Villagers in the south have complained that the guerrilla presence causes them trouble.

The first group of five to be repatriated includes residents of Nabulus and Ramallah. More are expected to return within the next few weeks.

DEPORTEES RETURN

West Bank secure

Ky demands reform as price of his candidacy

By IAN WARR in Saigon

VICE-PRESIDENT KY refused yesterday to run against President Thieu in the South Vietnam elections in October unless the existing electoral conditions were changed.

He offered to contest the Presidency only if the President resigned immediately and handed the reins of Government to the Senate speaker, who would be empowered to organise new elections in three months.

Marshal Ky has thus rejected the Supreme Court's reluctant decision to let him run—a reversal of its earlier decision after pressure from President Nixon.

In an apparent security measure against fears of violence after the developments of the past several days, squads of South Vietnamese paratroopers yesterday surrounded the Presidential palace in Saigon, where President Thieu was believed to be holding talks with Ministers and advisers.

The troops took up their positions only hours after Marshal Ky withdrew from the election.

Musical chairs

His withdrawal brought to a climax four days of musical chairs by Saigon's three leading political figures. On Friday, Gen. Minh abruptly pulled out of the contest on the ground that President Thieu was rigging the electoral process. Gen. Minh, a Buddhist with a substantial Buddhist following, had been considered a serious opponent.

Having disqualified the Vice-President on electoral technicalities 12 days earlier, President Thieu was left the sole contender. Observers immediately began predicting that he would switch the election to a form of referendum seeking a national vote of confidence.

At a Press conference in Saigon yesterday, Marshal Ky accused President Thieu of manipulating the election under a predetermined plot. "I will not follow any such manoeuvres by running in the election."

The announcement appears to have shattered Washington's hopes for an acceptably democratic election.

In the broad plan for peace in Vietnam being devised by American political strategists, a seemingly popularly elected

Banda brings gust of change to Pretoria

By JOHN MILLER in Pretoria

A PEPPERY little black ant with a flywhisk, broad smile and remarkable grasp of psychology last week brought a new dimension to the South African scene. President for African Kamuzu Banda of Malawi visited Pretoria—the first black Head of State to be invited and to accept—and did and said enough to suggest that apartheid in South Africa will never be quite the same again.

For five days South Africa had a taste of multi-racialism. Dr Banda, one of the men who fanned the winds of change in Africa in the early 1960s and who has said time after time he is out to kill apartheid with kindness, was welcomed with pomp and pageantry.

With the kind permission of his host, the Nationalist Government, he dented the institutions and attitudes of apartheid. Banda's welcome was a 21-gun salute while Mirages flashed past overhead and South Africa's leading white dignitaries waited in line to shake his hand. He dined with the State President, Mr Jim Fouché, and Mr John Vorster, Prime Minister. He shouted "Uhuru" (Freedom) at groups of Africans. He stayed at "whites only" Hotel in Johannesburg, where he was served at table by white waiters and driven by white chauffeurs.

One of the most extraordinary scenes was witnessed at Stellenbosch University, the cradle of Afrikaans culture and Afrikaner Nationalism, where a permit is required from the Rector to take a black man on the campus. There Dr Banda told the students a home truth or two—and received a standing ovation.

Such of this, of course, was determined by normal protocol. But in the South African context it was a spectacular advance in the crumbling of the apartheid wall. There were other examples. For years the Government in Pretoria has boycotted multi-racial functions, but last week Mr Vorster and his Cabinet had cocktails and then dined with not only Malawi blacks but also with South Africa's black leaders. It was an historic step.

Dr Banda's speeches as he crossed the country he left more than 40 years ago as a humble railway clerk were not nearly as dramatic as his actions and certainly not new. His theme was that he did not care a jot for what other black leaders of the Organisation of African Unity were saying about him. He ridiculed the "professional emirates" of Addis Ababa, Lusaka, London

and New York. More important, he emphasised he was one with Mr Vorster over the need for a "dialogue" in Africa.

In the short term the most spectacular result of the visit could be this support for Mr Vorster's "outward policy." It is now far more possible that other African leaders, particularly those from the French-speaking States, will be encouraged to take up Mr Vorster's invitations.

Dr Banda's visit, and Mr Vorster's to Blantyre last year and the recent exchange of ambassadors, is surely proof that South Africa is committed to obtaining acceptance in Africa. Mr Vorster, of course, has said that he wants dialogue but he will not tolerate an interference in South Africa's domestic affairs. In other words, he is not prepared to be lured about apartheid.

Harmony promoted

Dr Banda has shown the black African leaders how to tackle the problem. He visits South Africa as a "proclaimed" builder of bridges between black and white. He worked it for five days and had the effect of promoting inter-racial contacts.

It is now more than a prologue to the whites, having seen their leaders, meeting and agreeing happily and on equal terms with the Malawian entourage, will find their racial attitudes changed, or changed. Many will have appreciated that the visit promoted more harmony than friction.

Some whites could also see themselves whether it really is possible that after week's events South Africa can on denying the same a peace and rights to the crucial African Coloured and Indian communities. Nor surprise the non-whites themselves beginning to ask the same question. Chief Buthelezi, sophisticated and eloquent in the Zulus, who had a private talk with Dr Banda, mentioned on the visit: "We that we may, one day, also give the same recognition human dignity."

Malawi may have been materially from the visit having won from Mr Vorster promise of further loans to plebe the new capital Lilongwe, and the important link with Nacala.

South Africa has certainly gained spiritually and Government deserves credit meeting the challenge of visit. Mr Vorster's urgent now is to convince white nationalists, and others, that dilution of rigid apartheid does not mean the downfall of civilisation in South Africa.

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Industrial News

CLYDE TAKEOVER PRICE PUT TO INDUSTRIALIST

By JOHN RICHARDS, Industrial Staff
MR ARCHIBALD KELLY, the Scottish industrialist who is considering making a bid for Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, was quoted a price yesterday for fixed assets of all four yards by Mr Robert Smith, the Government-appointed liquidator.

After two-hour talks in Glasgow, at which Mr Kelly was accompanied by his financial adviser, Mr James Sharp, he said: "I am a businessman. There is a possibility, but a lot depends on the Government's attitude."

UNITY URGED TO 'KILL THE BILL'

By JOHN RICHARDS, Industrial Staff
A CALL is made today by the Transport and General Workers' Union that all 144 TUC-affiliated unions should stand firm behind opposition to the new Industrial Relations Act.

The union makes the point forcefully in a motion on the final agenda for next month's annual Congress in Blackpool. The motion originally tabled by the Left-wing Engineering Union, urges delegates to "instruct" member unions:

- 1-Not to register under the Industrial Relations Act.
2-To take measures to remove themselves from the provisional register.
3-To that the Transport and General Workers' Union in the TUC has added: "but, he policy of non-registration is only effective if all affiliated unions act collectively."

Possible "get-out"
This can be taken either as a militant move to open the TUC's policy to non-cooperators debarred from serving more likely as a "get-out" clause should even the biggest and most determined opponents of the Act find themselves in a minority resisting de-registration.

It contrasts with the ultra-right demands of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades Division A. These are that affiliated unions refusing to exist registration should be expelled from Congress and their name on the TUC General Council.

The Confederation of Health Service Employees is one of the smaller unions for which non-registration would raise particular problems. It seeks to have his clause inserted in the policy motion:

"Providing that, where a trade union can satisfy the TUC General Council in the event of a de-registering would have exceptionally serious consequences, the General Council will have authority to advise that registration should be continued."

Several unions fear they could face major financial difficulties and leave their provision open to large taxation demands as a result of refusing to accept registration under the new Chief Registrar of Trade Unions and Employers' Associations.

'Six' demand
On the Common Market it seems certain that the TUC policy to emerge from annual Congress will be a demand for a General Election or referendum before a final decision is taken on joining the 'six' on current negotiated terms.

The Transport Workers, Engineering Union, National Society of Metal Mechanics, and the Office Engineering Union lined up behind the motions of this policy line.

There are two new strike threats on the final agenda. The left-wing Electricians and Plumbers' Unions believes that Congress should support any active action, including industrial action, to resist denationalisation, and the ultra-left nightmen's Association urges industrial action to obtain involved old-age pensions.

Claims guide wanted
The Civil and Public Services' Association condemns the dismissal of Prof. Hugh Clegg as chairman of the Civil Service Tribunal. It also demands permanent TUC co-ordinating machinery to guide claims in the public sector.

The latter demand is backed by Public Employees and by Postmen's Union. The National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants upon the TUC General Council will seek a public inquiry into ownership and control of mass media.

Television and Press coverage industrial relations is denied in one motion as "generally biased against the trade union movement."

AN'S TRIAL DELAY
The Pretoria Correspondent reports that the trial of the five Johannesburg men charged with the African Terrorism Act, adjourned yesterday until 7. During the adjournment evidence will be taken from six witnesses in London.

STRIKE THREATENS CAR FIRMS

By MICHAEL GREEN, Industrial Staff
CAR firms face a shortage of electrical components because a holiday pay strike has closed the Lucas alternator plant in Birmingham and threatens to shut down the company's eight other factories within days.

More than 800 workers were laid off at the Marshall Lake Road alternator plant yesterday and hundreds more sent home from the Mere Green electronics plant. The other factories, employing more than 20,000, will be hit this week if the strike goes on.

The strike is by 300 engineers serving the nine factories. Under a 12-month agreement ending next week they got an all round increase and an improved rate structure.

Overtime ban
Holiday pay not involved but the engineers are now demanding it should be in line with a settlement giving 15,000 manual workers holiday pay at the level of average earnings. The company says it will consider the matter when the current deal ends.

At Coventry, Chrysler Avenger production was at a standstill and 3,000 workers idle because of an overtime ban by the City's 10,000 tool makers over the ending of a 30-year-old pay rate fixing system. Production will resume today.

Work resumed yesterday at the Triumph car plant at Liverpool after an unofficial strike.

While the shop stewards announced this as a "victory" it has taken Mr Kelly to convince them that promises of temporarily continued employment can be only a gesture of protest and cannot lead to the successful operation of the yards.

Insurance problem
The first snags which have appeared after the emotional content of the takeover offer include problems such as insurance for men in a high-risk occupation.

While all those declared redundant will be paid and have their cards stamped as self-employed workers, the management, yard foremen and other workers are far co-operating in the work-in will be inhibited in giving tasks to a man who may be injured on the job but is not covered by the insurance policies arranged by the liquidator.

Existing contracts, which depend on the confidence and goodwill of suppliers of materials and services for continuance, are much more likely to be completed if creditors are dealing with a Mr Kelly rather than a liquidator, who has to rely on the shop stewards' "gate police" permitting lorries to come into the yards.

22-5 PAY RISE
Clothes shops deal
Pay rises of up to £2.75 a week, with responsibility bonuses for some, have been negotiated for 6,000 shop staff employed by the Burton Tailoring Group and Jackson the Tailor.

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers yesterday announced that managers, salesmen and cashiers aged over 21 will get an extra £2.25 in London and an extra £2.75 in the provinces. Cashiers will be entitled to responsibility payments of between £1 and £1.50 on top of the new minimum.

BONUS ROW SETTLED
Leap-frogging dispute
THE 3,850 boiler-makers in the Swan Hunter group on the Tyne yesterday accepted union recommendations for a bonus scheme that will settle a row over "leap-frogging." The workers had claimed bonus payments of £2 a week to re-establish pay differentials over other workers in the yards.

The new proposals for overtime rates and an improvement in the bonus payments for un-motivated work were accepted in a ballot by 1,474 votes to 560. The proposals have also been agreed to by the management.

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Transport union rejects pension rise talks

By MICHAEL GREEN, Industrial Staff
THE Transport and General Workers' Union, which is spearheading a campaign for higher State pensions, has rejected a request by retired union officials for talks on better union pensions to offset the rise in the cost of living.

The campaign for better pensions within the union is led by Mr Walter Goss, 81, national secretary for government and municipal workers until he retired in 1955. Ever since then his pension has remained at £9.

Mr Goss, a London busman before he became a full-time TGWU official in 1929, complained: "This was quite good 15 years ago. But those pounds are only worth about 30p now."

A spokesman for the union said that the pensions were administered by a trust which was outside the control of the union leadership. Any change in the rules had to be put to a ballot of all members.

Many other retired officials were angry at the union's rigid attitude, said Mr Goss. The present scheme was calculated on length of service and the official average pay during his last three years of service.

There were worse cases than his own, he said. Mr Jack Plant, 88, a former Battersea bus conductor who was a full-time official from 1929 to 1949, got a pension of £4.55 a week, made up to £5 while his wife was living.

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Civil Service may need to increase staff

By Our Civil Service Correspondent

DESPITE a cutback in the number of civil servants in the past year, recruitment in the future may have to be higher to replace those at senior management level who are reaching retirement age. This is revealed by the latest statistics published by the Civil Service Department.

Between January and June this year, the Civil Service staff was reduced by nearly 2,000. But the cutback has been mainly among manual workers employed in factories, dockyards, workshops and stores.

From January 1970 to January 1971, the period covered by the department's second annual report on manpower, white collar staff increased from 491,300 to 498,700, although there have been some reductions since.

The department explains that the increase in Civil Service staff over recent years was checked, and most of the apparent growth last year was due to the transfer of 15,000 former Post Office staff to the Department for National Savings or the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

The report assumes, that based on present patterns, the next five to ten years will see a marked increase in the numbers of principal, senior executive officers and higher executive officers retiring.

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Applicants, giving sufficient details to warrant interview, should be addressed to: The Company Personnel Manager, ROCKWARE GLASS LIMITED, Greenford, Middlesex.

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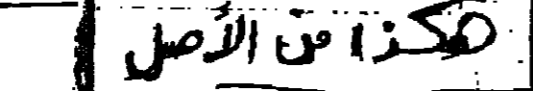
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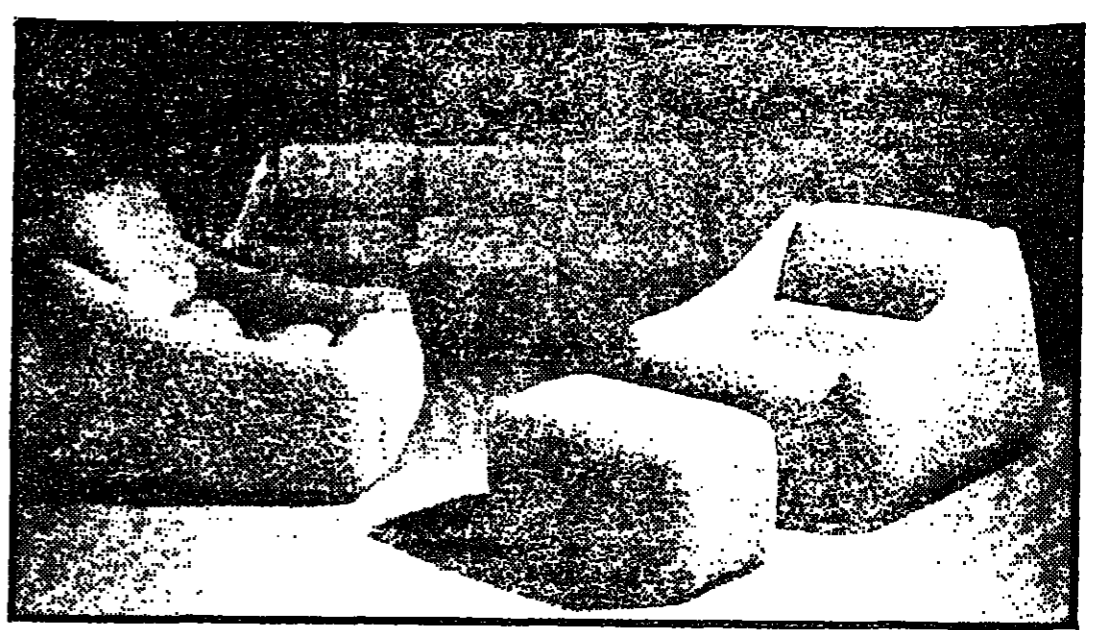
Royal Air Force

HOME PAGE

BY ALICE HOPE

How to live flexibly . . .

chop and change around with the chairs



This group of chairs by Gimson and Slater, called Cloud, is covered in a thick, cream wool. Stool £18. Chairs £89 for the high back, £64 for the low-back (shown here); sofa £260. Prices approx.

If we enter the Common Market, I prophesy that our reproduction Georgian furniture will go like hot cakes across the Channel.

It has been selling quietly but very well in many countries for years, and the makers are expecting big trade figures should we go into Europe.

Carefully made and faithfully reproduced Regency dining suites, the 18th-century glass-fronted cabinets, the secretaire bookcases and the delicate pedestal wine tables are all favourites in Canada and Japan, on the Continent, and even in Scandinavia, which we have for so long associated with austere modern pieces.

Mostly mahogany and oak are used but so is yew, which is a pretty wood, lighter in colour.

Reproduction furniture nowadays is, of course, often turned out by factory methods, and when it is hand-made by craftsmen the cost can be high.

The 18th-century furniture designers, however, knew nothing of the benefits of unit furniture, pack-flat and assemble-yourself pieces, which we fortunately have today.

Their dining tables, bureaux and bookcases were permanently in their places and did not allow for the flexible living arrangements we have now.

Today, with more homes with central heating, all the rooms are in use and furniture designers are recognising the need for entirely flexible living.

At a recent furniture exhibition at Long Eaton, in Derbyshire, I saw more and more upholstered chairs with removable arms so that they can be turned into two or three-seater sofas; I saw pouffes so shaped that they fit exactly between chairs and

thus serve as a table as well as a seat; and I saw unit wall furniture that packs flat and can be assembled easily at home.

Unit furniture began soon after the war with the introduction of a set of shelves and fittings called a room divider. It is still with us in this form but mostly now the shelves and the cabinets so against the wall, since we are disenchanted with the open-plan living that needed a "room divider."

It is capable of infinite permutations and at the moment the favourite colour is white. To celebrate their 101st anniversary, the Scottish firm of A. H. McIntosh have introduced wall furniture they call the 101 Range, and the great thing about it is that it packs flat and you assemble it yourself at home.

Pack-flat furniture, of course, has another advantage. It means that the retailer can keep a larger stock. Too often the customer is disappointed by salesmen who quote delivery dates at six weeks and more ahead.

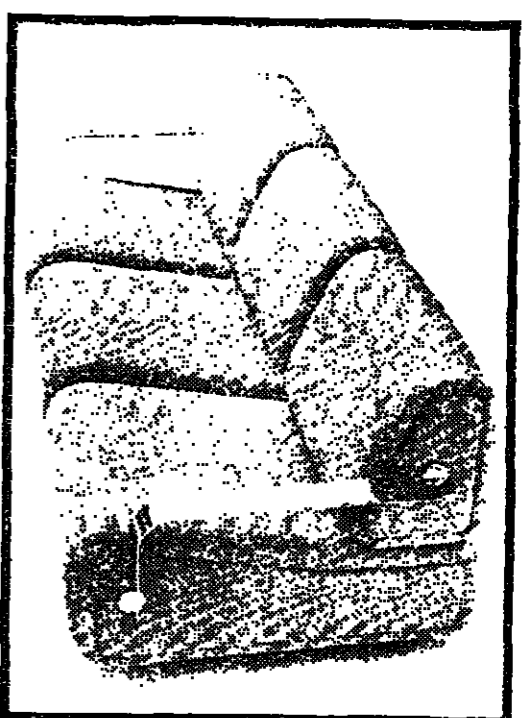
Now unit furniture has extended to upholstered pieces and, again, there are permutation games you can play, turning chairs into sofas and vice-versa.

Leather and mock leather are still being extensively used and are especially pretty in cream and oyster shades. But there is also much use of real wool in thick textured weaves, again in creams and coffee and oyster colours.

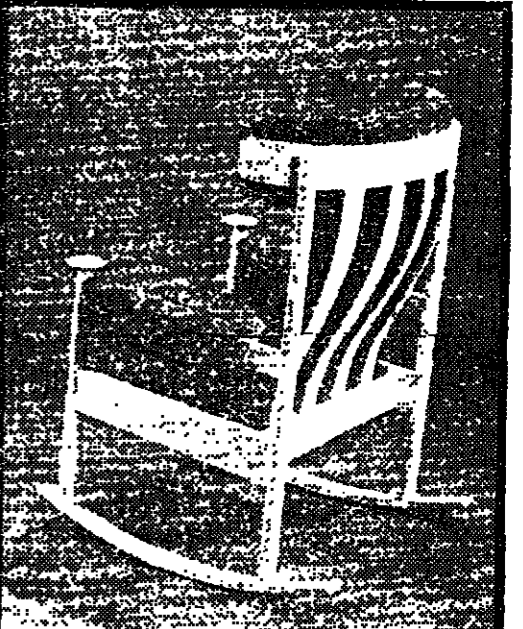
Wool has the great advantage in that it seldom shows signs of wear and seems to resist the dirt rather than attract it. There is a hotel opening next month at Bramhope, Yorkshire, almost entirely furnished with wool.

This is in line with the policy of Trust Houses to reflect the local industry in their decoration schemes for their Post Houses being built in different parts of the country.

For the Bramhope hotel a new wall-covering has been developed by Jean Pierre Teroy, a Frenchman now living in Bradford. It can be hung like wallpaper, is flame-resistant and consists of rows of corded carpet wool varying from cream to brown, and purple to blackberry, with an occasional white or yellow strip.

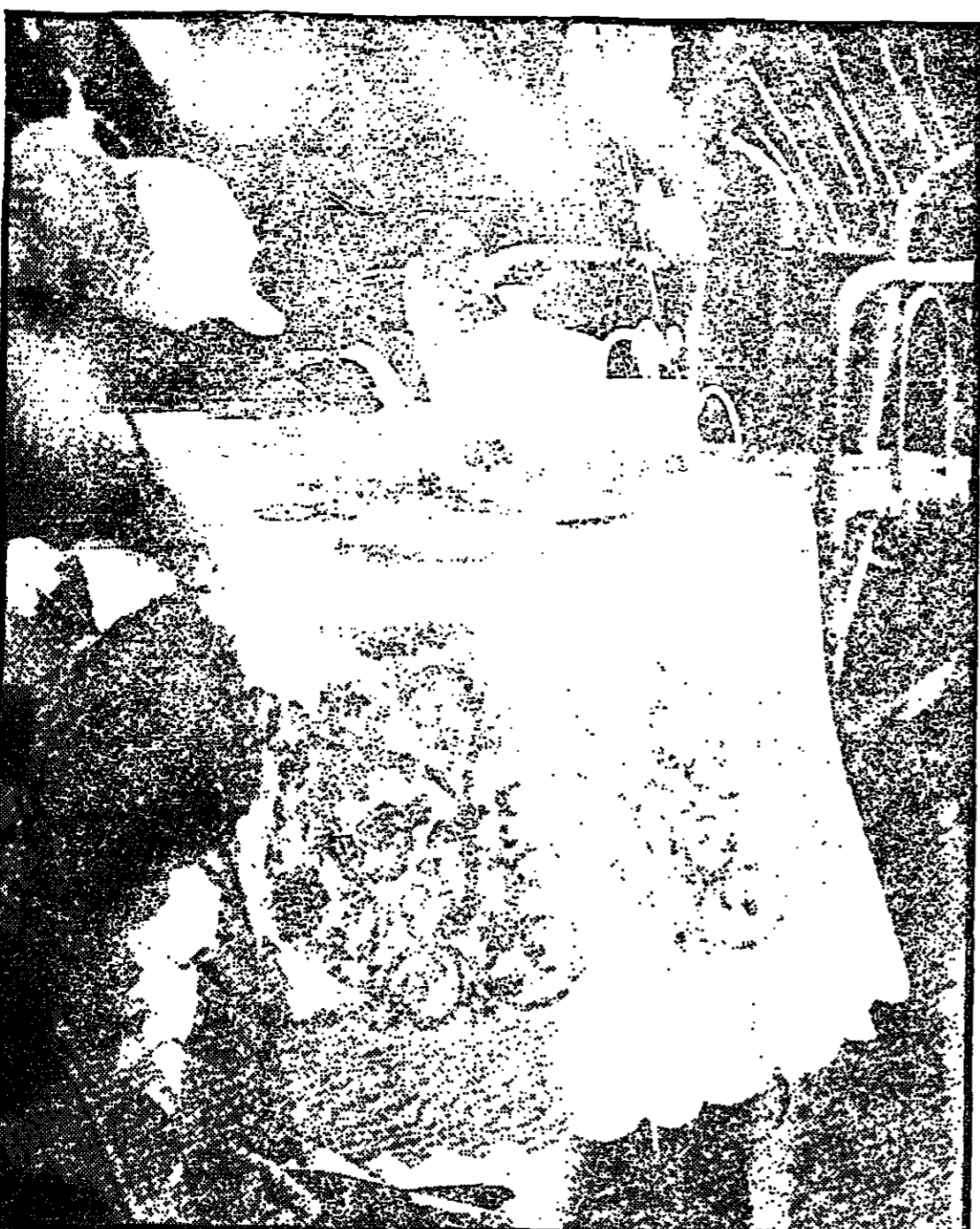
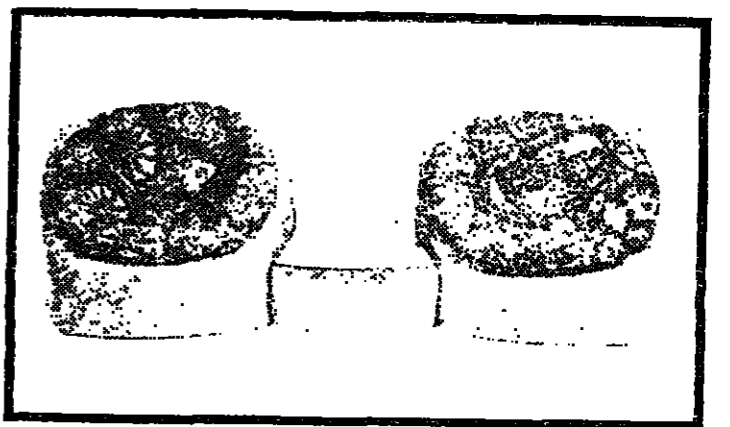


Designed by Frederick Scott for Hill, this is a module design which can be one chair or a sofa or two or three chairs. The unit, with-out arms, costs £44, and the arms of chrome steel are £8-80 each. It is covered in a turquoise Hills fabric.



A new rocker chair with a modern look of comfort. This high seat, beech frame, white-painted rocker is from Parker Knoll of High Wycombe and has comfortable foam padded arms. It costs from £51.

Called Clover, the new chair and stool (below) by Gimson and Slater is capable of several permutations because the stool is cleverly curved to fit the contours of the chair. Cushions are detachable for cleaning. Chair approx. £50; stool about £16.



PICTURED: A pretty, summery, Italian round tablecloth printed in green, blue, gold, orange or dark rose and (with six matching napkins) costing £9-95.

ON IT: Items from a Royal Doulton range called Esprit. Tea cup and saucer, £1-10; tea plate, 50p; sugar bowl, £2-20; milk jug, £1-3-4; teapot in two sizes—one-pint, £3-6-4; two-pint, £4-7-0. All from the newly-designed household department on the lower ground floor at Marshall and Snelgrove, Oxford Street. Picture: PETER WILLIAMS.

YOU WRITE

'Better an in-law than an out-law'

LOVE 'EM and then leave them alone. This, in effect, is what hundreds of mothers-in-law have said after my invitation to them to express their views on dealing with daughters-in-law.

Almost unanimously the mothers-in-law have said that the only way to achieve a harmonious relationship is never to criticise but instead to try praise and appreciation. They point out that no young housewife can be perfect, and they urge everybody to remember that in her time, mother-in-law, too, was a diffident and apprehensive young housewife, fiercely resentful of her own mother-in-law's criticism.

A lot of the older women, too, think that the young wife of today has a harder time, in spite of more gadgets and appliances. They point out that more is expected of her—she has to look bright and smart and modern and she gets very little outside help.

On the question of cleanliness, most agree that children are tough and can take a peck of dirt. But dozens of mums said that if the dog is given the baby's plate to eat from,

then a careful way to bring in some hygiene would be for grandma to buy the dog a special doggie plate.

It seems, however, that it is not always the young who are careless about cleanliness. Sometimes the older woman is the more slap-dash of the two and it is the daughter-in-law who has to hold her peace when she disapproves of things like unpasteurised milk, no refrigerator, and so on.

Prizes go to Mrs S. M. Wilson, of Lynton, Hants ("Love 'em and leave them alone"), and Mrs A. Gee, of Woodford Bridge, Essex, who wrote: "My mother-in-law once asked me, after telling me how things should be done, 'You don't mind me giving you advice, do you?' and I replied 'Not at all Mother, so long as you don't mind me not taking it.'" And our third prize goes to Mrs E. W. Filley, of Gillingham, Kent, whose letter sums up many readers' comments: "No good at all can result from complaints, suggestions or worse still, hints. It is a dicey relationship at its best . . . Better to be an in-law than an out-law."

Builders hit back at contrary customers

SHEER audacity . . . that is how one reader reacted to our account last week by G.C. of how he became involved with 17 builders and 11 heating engineers for work he required to be done to his home.

Many others have written in the same vein. "I wonder whether G.C. gave a thought to the expenditure incurred by the unsuccessful builders in dealing with his inquiry," asks another correspondent who is a heating engineer.

"With man-hours, plus overheads and expenses, I would think their combined total was not far short of £100, for major alterations worth £175."

Building Brokers Limited, which is an organisation that centralises in one office all the design facilities connected with building, including architectural, engineering and

interior work, and co-ordinates these with the various trades and craftsmen, sent us a summary of the cost of getting an estimate from a small builder. It is as follows:

Travelling to and from site, say 1 hour. Inspection, say 2 hours. Calculation of cost, 2 hours. Rate (minimum £1-25 per hour) for 5 hours, £6-25. Travelling expenses, say 10 miles at 5p. 50p. Typing and postage per letter 75p. Therefore the total is £7-50.

"If 17 builders had turned up as was expected, only one of these would get the job. This means that in theory, if every customer did the same, each builder would get only one job in every 17 and would have to cost this into his price, which would be 17 x £7-50, or £127-50."

A Surbiton firm of builders, W. H. Newark and Company, reckons the

amount of time spent in estimating as 30 hours, which must have been a minimum of £40, "but only one builder was fortunate enough to be awarded the job. What a waste of effort and goodwill on behalf of nine builders—no wonder seven of them did not turn up."

"As builders we expect to estimate for works on a competitive basis but surely the client must have some responsibility to restrict his inquiry to say, three builders, and should he require comparable quotations these three builders should be of similar business status and should be supplied with written identical information to price on."

We regret that we cannot publish all the letters we have received from builders throughout the country, but we are grateful for their comments.

CELEBRATING its fiftieth birthday this year is possibly the most unusual social organisation in the country—and one that few people have heard of.

It is called the International Social Service of Great Britain, has headquarters in Geneva and branches in 20 other countries, including France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Finland, America, South America. Even such distant areas as Australia and Japan are included.

In countries where there is no established branch there are at least social work agencies or individuals with strong links with the ISS.

When a family problem has to cross frontiers

By KATE WHARTON

Briefly stated, the ISS is an independent non-Government organisation which helps and advises people who have social or family problems which need action to be taken in two or more countries.

One of its more unusual services has only recently been established, though the rising rate of inquiries proves it to be a sorely needed one. This is the Foreign Marriage Advisory Service, primarily intended to help girls contemplating marriage to a foreigner.

According to Lady Martin, one of the ISS's social workers, the need for help on the full legal and social implications of such a marriage is a growing necessity with mixed nationality marriages on the increase.

The FMAS is run by Heloise Tondal, a charming young social worker who read languages at St Andrews.

Wherever possible, she told me, she likes to have an interview with the girl concerned, since information about polygamy, about the lack of a mother's rights in certain countries, about easy divorce, can seem misleading or unduly harsh.

In an interview, many factors come to light. "For instance," she explained, "some English girls would fit into an Eastern idea of marriage with its greater subservience to the male leader of the household quite happily while others who expect an equality of partnership would not."

"It is surprising how ignorant some girls can be. They meet a man on holiday or a student over here and they're ready to rush into marriage without

giving it a thought."

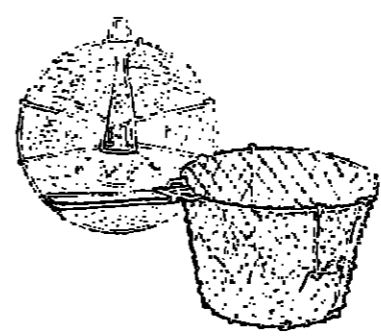
She instanced a typical case where a girl contemplating marriage to an Arab had come to see her. The girl had been plied with stories of "terrible Eastern harems"; even her own father had gloomily predicted that she would be sold into slavery and never heard of again.

"Fortunately, I found out that the girl was going to visit the country first before marrying the man, so I was able to suggest that she should register her visit with the local British Consul and observe carefully what happened to the other married women in the village. I also suggested that she read as much about the country as possible."

Sadly, the ISS finds it "terribly difficult" to raise money for this service since liberals tend to think of it wrongly as racialist.

WHAT'S NEW

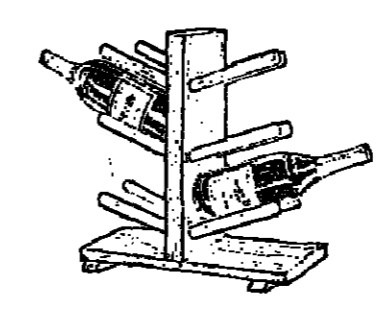
Fold-up strainer



If you are deep-freezing vegetables they must be blanched. So you need a basket. This collapsible wire basket is from Triumph, a French firm specialising in col-

lapsible strainers. When fully opened it looks like a deep-fry basket with struts to keep the sides rigid. Price £1-15, from Elizabeth David, 46 Bourne Street, London, S.W.1.

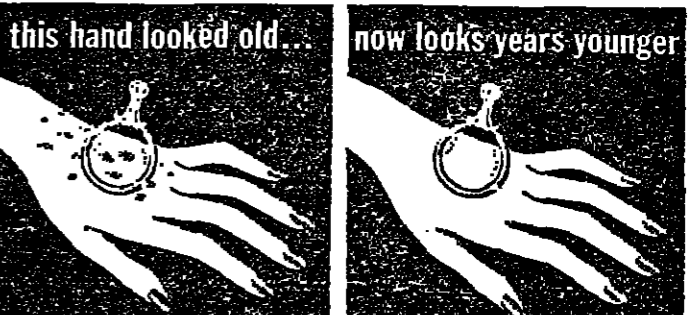
Wine tree



This is called a bottle-tree and it is a new way of storing wine. One special advantage: you can read the wine label without removing the bottle. Called Handwood, it

holds six bottles, is in varnished pine and costs £1-35. It is free-standing. A wall-mounted version holds 10 bottles, and costs £1-65. From Harrods next month.

Weathered brown age spots? new cream fades them away



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What about the workers?

By JOHN COCKCROFT

AS well as confirming a big swing back in favour of Britain's entry to the Common Market, a recent poll showed that, in particular, most people believed that as a result of our entry...

allowances there than here are largely financed by levies on employers. Hence they tend to pay correspondingly (if only marginally) lower wages.

public holidays. The corresponding figures for Belgium are 18 days for France 24 days, for Germany 15 to 24 days, and for Italy 12 to 30 days.

What justification is there for these expectations that the Common Market would be good for the common man? Certainly, had Britain enjoyed the same economic growth as the Six since the formation of the Market in 1958...

British workers moving to the Continent in an enlarged Community and Continental workers coming here will be put at no disadvantage.

Industrial retraining, financed in part by the Market's new fund for that purpose, from Community revenue, will probably increase apace.

Welfare spending Yet it is not only the higher wages in all the Six countries except Italy which are an increasingly powerful magnet to British workers.

Unemployment benefits, which are relevant to relatively far fewer people in the Six than unemployment is much lower in every country except Italy.

Moreover, British income tax bears more heavily on the lower-paid than in any Market country except Holland.

Thus the National Health Service, which for all its faults is probably still the finest of its kind in the world and is widely admired on the Continent...

Yet in the end the whole Market equation inevitably comes back to jobs and pay.

The man in the street may have some doubts (who does not?) about the great beckoning prospect of Market membership.

SLIPPERY BERLIN SLOPE

A HIGH PRICE is evidently being paid by the Western Powers and West Germany for the minutely chiselled-out Berlin "concessions" by the Russians and East Germans...

An exact account of the adverse balance must await the details. The main advantage claimed by the Western negotiators, who have throughout been under intense pressure from Herr BRANDT...

In return for this Russia is to have a Consul General in West Berlin—a boot in the West-Berlin-separateness door—and the activities in West Berlin of the West German President, Parliament and Parliamentary committees...

DOLLARS IN THE MARKET

YESTERDAY'S world foreign exchange markets, reopening mostly after a week's closure, were in some ways an anti-climax.

Two questions remain. One is naturally whether all this calm will be preserved as the markets get into their stride.

America has with reason regarded Japan and the yen as problems of unique magnitude. It is said that Japan is being asked for a 17-25 per cent. upward revaluation of the yen.

SOLEADAD BROTHER

ALL SORTS OF SANE PERSONS might think or feel all sorts of sane things about GEORGE JACKSON, one of the famous "Soledad Brothers" who died on Saturday in an allegedly bloodthirsty attempt to break out of San Quentin prison in California.

What reason alone cannot explain is why such a man as JACKSON should become a hero or cult figure—and now doubtless a martyr—to vast sections of the American and other western intelligentsias.

UGANDA ON THE MEND

GEN. IDI AMIN, the Uganda Head of State, has a refreshingly friendly outlook towards Britain. Among African leaders he is second only to Dr HASTINGS BANBA as an advocate of co-operation with the European.

The overthrow of Dr OROTH was achieved with severe bloodletting in the Army. While Gen. AMIN was in London a month ago further tribal clashes in barracks cost him another 600 military dead.

Police Trust's \$750,000 total

THANKS to the Police Department's Trust, set up in 1966 after the murder of three Metropolitan police officers at Shepherd's Bush, there exist means to assist dependants of men like Sgt. Gerald Richardson, shot down in Blackpool yesterday, but not on a princely scale.

The Trust, which was augmented by about £500,000 from various sources last year, has climbed to around £750,000, some way short of the £1 million sought to provide a minimum income.

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LONDON DAY BY DAY

The young men are so innocent, luxurious and self-indulgent—and the women so fast, frivolous and impudent that the dance really is very great, and they ought to be warned.

Arabian Brontë FOLLOWING Moscow's decision to "show his teeth," "Forsyth Saga" on television in Russia, now known that the Middle East has an appetite for Western culture also.

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BBC's ERRORS OF JUDGMENT

From Mr E. ELYN KING, M.P. (Con.)

SIR—No national army can in the 1970s sustain its morale without the support of its home television and radio.

Disciplined men still suffer and die for distant causes as they always have, but the unspoken conditions on which they do so are known to the sensitive.

Here is a news programme purposefully designed to be jaunty and flippant, to be personalised, to be interlarded with throw-away lines and esoteric little jokes.

Foul play on the soccer field

From Canon B. J. SCOTT SIR—As an old pre-1914 footballer, Corinthian, and incidentally a follower of Aston Villa for 70 years, I should like to support what Mr. Donald Saunders has written in The Daily Telegraph of Aug. 20 about modern soccer.

When the technical side of the game has so greatly improved it is disappointing, to say the least, to see it spoilt by deliberate fouls.

Inventors SIR—I am particularly interested in the letter from Mr. J. F. Perrin (Aug. 20) about what appears to be "yet one more case where a poor inventor was unable to obtain the credit for his invention."

Still in the air N. VILLE BROWNING, the 71-year-old pilot who died in an air crash over the weekend, will be remembered by many generations of boys as a most ideal pilot whose ability to keep flying despite his age was one of his most remarkable features.

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judgment ("An eye-witness putting the blame fairly and squarely on the British Army") puts 400 years of history into 15 words, later to be withdrawn and apologised for.

It is at this point that wider issues emerge, which must be the subject of debate. It is true that standards, aesthetic as well as political, are falling and that the present Governors have, by a series of social and political misjudgments, lowered the reputation of this ageing Corporation.

Time was when people used to fear that politicians would interfere with the B.C.C. The position is now in reverse. I judge, by the huge mail that I receive on the subject, that the question now being asked is: will Parliament intervene in time?

Travels of a 'Shakespeare' signature

SIR—In your "Around America" column (Aug. 20) it is reported that the Folger Library, Washington, has bought the copy of a book by William Lambarde (1536-1601) and that that library "believes" the signature "William Shakespeare" on the title page to be genuine.

This book once belonged to me. Its vellum binding was very warped, but seeing it in the window of a junk shop at Forest Hill I was interested and bought it for 2s 6d.

I lent the book to a Mr William T. Snedley, a prominent Baconian who had a fine library of Elizabethan and Jacobean books. He never returned the book, and after his death a number of his books were sold at Sotheby's—mine among them.

The librarian of the Folger called attention to the alleged Shakespeare signature in the Daily Telegraph, and this led to correspondence. The forger also wrote the address where William Shakespeare lived, giving even the number of the house, quite oblivious of the fact that houses were not numbered in Shakespeare's lifetime.

Perhaps among your readers there may be somebody who remembers the correspondence, which I think was about 40 years ago. I feel quite sure that by losing the book I am not the poorer by £400,000!

RODGERICK L. EAGLE Falmouth, Cornwall.

America's troubles

SIR—With regard to the United States' present financial difficulties, chiefly brought about by her great efforts since the last war to preserve the safety and independence of the rest of the free world, surely our sympathy must be wholly with her in their present efforts to stabilise the economy.

Those nations who are doing "very nicely," thank you, are mainly those who lost the last war, i.e., Germany and Japan, whose present favourable position is completely due to generous and assisting help from the U.S.

There is no doubt that Britain has greater human and ethical ties with the U.S., Canada and New Zealand than any other country, and this very particular group must always stand shoulder to shoulder in times of trouble.

Lay editor chosen THE Church in Wales has chosen Elinor Morgan to be the next editor of the Welsh paper Y Lloer. Mrs Morgan will also be a member of the Church Council, and will edit the literary section of the Church in Wales quarterly Yr Haf for the past two years.

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Fleming: cartoonist expert of Norwich has left a gap which the Church will find hard to fill.

LAWYER WHO SAW SOLEDAD BROTHER HUNTED BY POLICE

By HENRY MILLER in New York

THE authorities in California suggested yesterday that Stephen M. Bingham, 29, a lawyer and grandson of a former Governor of Connecticut, gave "Soledad Brother" George Jackson the gun which precipitated the escape attempt at San Quentin in which Jackson and five others died on Saturday.

They said that Bingham was the last person to visit Jackson before the break-out bid. Without specifically alleging that Bingham supplied the gun, the Marin County police broadcast a bulletin for him, saying that he was "wanted for questioning" about the escape attempt.

KENNEDY Jr ACCUSED OF LOITERING

By Our New York Staff

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Jr, 17, second son of the late senator, was alleged yesterday to have spat a piece of ice-cream cone into a policeman's face in Hyannis, Massachusetts, after being told to "move along."

Dressed in patched jeans, a blue denim shirt and with his hair at shoulder-length, Kennedy appeared in court in Barnstable, Massachusetts, yesterday and pleaded "no contest" to a charge of "sauntering and loitering" on Sunday.

By doing so, he pleaded neither guilty nor not guilty, but also did not contest the charges against him. Such a plea is permissible in certain cases.

He was ordered to pay \$50 (£20-85) court costs. When he said he had no money with him, he was given a week to pay.

Girl in car

Patrolman Frederick Ahern said he saw Kennedy standing beside a car parked on a busy street near the business district of Hyannis, which is close to the Kennedy summer home. A girl was in the car and the door was open, blocking traffic.

The policeman said he did not recognise Kennedy. He added that he asked him to move along and if he had been drinking. "He said he had not been drinking and I asked him why his eyes were bloodshot."

"He then took a bit of an ice-cream cone he had in his hand and spat a bit of it into my face."

He arrested Kennedy who said the patrolman's statement was "made-up lies." Judge Henry Murphy told him he could not deny the evidence unless he wished to plead not guilty. Kennedy repeated his plea of "no contest" and the judge assessed the court costs.

On Aug. 6 last year, Kennedy and R. Sargent Shriver III, his cousin, were charged with being delinquent for possessing marijuana. The case was also heard by Judge Murphy.

He bound them over until Sept. 16 this year and said that the charge would be dismissed "unless they have difficulty of some kind." No mention of the previous case was made yesterday.

At nearby Hyannisport, where Mrs Ethel Kennedy, Kennedy's mother, is staying, a spokesman said she would have "absolutely nothing to say on the matter."

PASSENGER COLLAPSES ON AIRCRAFT

A young woman was given emergency medical treatment at Heathrow yesterday after collapsing aboard a flight from Palma, Majorca. Miss Caroline Hamilton, 25, from Somerset, was found to be suffering from hyper-ventilation caused by too much oxygen.

When the aircraft landed, the captain at first refused to let ambulances stop the administration of oxygen which, said airport medical staff, aggravated the condition.

After treatment at the airport's medical centre Miss Hamilton was taken to Yeatman Hospital, Dorset. A spokesman there said last night that she was "quite comfortable."

BRITISH BOY VANISHES ON VOYAGE

A 12-year-old British boy disappeared from the Liberian-registered liner, Fairkirk, 12,164 tons, during a voyage from Cascaes to Lisbon, it was reported yesterday.

The boy, who vanished from his cabin last week, was identified only as V. J. Kieraan. The liner arrived in Lisbon yesterday with 842 passengers, most of them British.—Reuter.

FRENCH FRAUD CASE CHARGE

By Our Paris Staff
M. Christian Ozaune, 66, a former consultant of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, was charged yesterday with fraud after French Government allegations of a large-scale scandal in the Garantie Fongere property and finance organisations.

He became president and managing director of Cofrafin, a company which managed the affairs of the corporation in January. A 1969 trial held last year, charged



Olivia keeps her dinner date

OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND, giving photographers a glimpse of her rainbow-coloured chiffon gown before she left the Dorchester hotel in a white Rolls-Royce yesterday for her dinner date with Mr Heath at Chequer.

Other guests invited were André Previn, the conductor, and his wife, Mrs Farrow, the actress; Mr Bryan Forbes, the producer, and his wife, Nancie Newman, the actress; Lord Harlech, President of the British Board of Film Censors, and Lady Harlech; Mr Robert Allan, former Conservative junior minister, and Mr Allan; and Mr Douglas Bland, novelist and the Prime Minister's political secretary, and Mrs Bland.

PLEA FOR HOSTELS IN SCHOOLS

Daily Telegraph Reporter
THE Inner London Education Authority is to be asked to open more schools for use as hostels for overseas students during the summer holidays.

Before breakfast yesterday Mr Grant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Trade, responsible for tourism, toured a number of centres already in use in London. He concluded that more use should be made of university buildings and schools for holiday sleeping accommodation. He intends to open talks with other Government Departments and is to try to persuade the education authority to give more help.

Mr Grant visited accommodation at the Tonbridge boys' club, Euston, where up to 20 sleep on mattresses in a gymnasium at 55p a night. The University Village in John Ruskin Street, Camberwell, where students sleep in cabins and have breakfast in a cafe for £1-50. A 140-bed centre at the St Catherine Labour School, off Clerkenwell Road, City, where bed and breakfast costs 60p.

Equipment available
It was at the St Catherine Labour School that Mr Grant heard the first complaints about insufficient help.

Mr David Daniels, warden of the centre, there run by Pax Christi, an international Roman Catholic peace organisation, told Mr Grant that, although plenty of equipment was available for further accommodation centres, the authorities would not permit use of more schools.

Mr Daniels added that at the St Catherine Labour School he could not use authority-owned kitchens. Yet he had a trained chef among his voluntary staff of 12.

A spokesman for the Inner London Education Authority said last night that it would welcome suggestions as to how it could be more helpful. This summer three of its schools had been made available to accommodation-centre organisations such as Holiday Fellowship and the Youth Hostels Association.

People wanted accommodation in Central London. The number of schools there was limited.

Other difficulties were maintenance work that could be done only during holiday periods and school-leavers' holidays during these periods. Permission to use the St Catherine Labour School was refused because they and kitchens at other centres comprised valuable equipment which might be damaged by people unused to the kitchens.

Lovers' tiff led to attack on police inspector

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

CAROL WALKER, 24, had a row in which she handed back her £45 engagement ring to her fiancé, then rushed out of a Chelsea store and into the arms of the law.

Police Inspector LESLIE CRAMPTON said at Marlborough Street court yesterday that he was outside the store, the Great American Disaster in King's Road, in plain clothes on Saturday when he saw Miss Walker come "charging out, bumping into pedestrians and colliding with an old lady."

"I followed, showed her my warrant card and said I was a police officer. She struck me in the chest twice. I took hold of her arm, and she became hysterical."

Running charge

The fiancé, Nigel Cole, 26, took a running charge at him as he was holding Miss Walker, knocking him to the ground. He had his hands round my throat, hitting my head on the pavement and shouting 'let go of the girl!'

Both were overwrought, and had been drinking. Miss Walker, a secretary of Castleham, Barnes, Surrey, who pleaded guilty to assaulting the inspector and threatening behaviour, was fined £15, and Cole a committal order. Lavender Sweep, Battersea, who admitted assaulting him and causing actual bodily harm—he is on the sick list—was fined £50.

"And you can both count yourselves very fortunate people," said Mr LINDSAY RING, the chairman.

Afterwards, outside the court, the couple held hands as Miss Walker said: "An argument started in the store about our wedding. I burst into tears and was very upset. I gave Nigel back his ring and ran out of the shop. The inspector obviously thought I was a shoplifter by the way he grabbed me. I thought he was a dirty old man. The whole thing was a mistake."

Nigel said: "I had been engaged since February and planned to marry next February. Now I think we will get married next month to get it all over with."

MINER CHARGED IN QANTAS CASE

By Our Sydney Correspondent

Francis William Sorohan, 21, a miner, was extradited from Mount Isa, Queensland, to Sydney yesterday where he will appear in court today charged with being an accessory over a letter sent to Qantas, the Australian airline, demanding \$A500,000 (£233,000) on May 26.

Peter Pasquale Macari, 55, and Raymond James Poynting, 28, were remanded in custody until Sept. 29 at Sydney earlier this month in connection with the extortion case.

THREE KILLED IN CAR CRASH

A couple and their grand-daughter died yesterday after their car was in collision with a coach on the A503 road at Beacon Hill, between Amesbury, Wilts, and Andover, Hants. The dead were Mr. Roy Stockman, 54, of Burleigh Park Road, Peveler, Plymouth, and Joanne Margaret Blackler, 6, of Crossway Close, Didcot, Berks. Three other people were detained in hospital.

'PILGRIMS OF CRIME' FINED

Daily Telegraph Reporter

TWO Roman Catholic priests on holiday from Eire at Butlin's Holiday Park, Clacton, admitted yesterday they had stolen items including a pair of mauve underpants from Marks and Spencer's.

Mr JEREMY NIGHTINGALE, prosecuting, told Clacton court: "The visit of these two men to England seems to have been rather a sad pilgrimage of crime."

Fr TOBIAS AIDAN KINSELLA, 40, of St. Stephen's, Timbely, Co. Wicklow, admitted stealing a pair of pyjamas from Marks and Spencer and other items from a shop in the Butlin's camp.

He asked for two similar offences, including the theft of four books and a purse from an amusement arcade, to be considered. He was fined £30 with 15 costs.

Took pyjamas

Fr HENRY SINNOTT, 33, of School Street, Wexford, who pleaded guilty to stealing the underpants from Marks and Spencer and other items from the camp shop, was fined £25 with 15 costs.

Mr Nightingale asked the priests before he opened the case if they objected to his prosecuting because he was a Roman Catholic. They did not.

Mrs B. FAIRCLOUGH, security officer for the nearby Woolworth shop, had been in Marks and Spencer and noticed Fr Sinnott take a pair of underpants from a display and put them in a cardigan he was carrying, said Mr Nightingale.

Fr Kinsella then took a pair of pyjamas, and both men left the store without paying for the articles. Mrs Fairclough followed them into Woolworth.

There Mr K. WALTERS, deputy manager, saw Fr Kinsella reach behind the haberdashery stand and put something behind a large paper bag before leaving the store. When asked for an explanation, he said he had taken the article from Marks and Spencer but intended to take it back to pay for it.

Det Con ROY DENNIS, who saw Fr Kinsella at Butlin's, found articles in his suitcases, including five pictures, clothes brushes, sunglasses, three shirts, a wallet, a shoulder bag, sun-tan lotion, two bottles of after shave and a breath purifier. All had been taken from the camp shop.

A search of Fr Sinnott's chalet revealed other items, including nut crackers, cufflinks, and a handbell.

Mr J. DALRY, defending both men, other of whom had previous convictions, said it had been impossible for them to find an explanation for what they had done. "They feel very ashamed and disgraced by it all," he said.

Turriff withdraw after £4m loss on Barbican

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

TURRIFF CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, the building firm, are withdrawing from the Barbican site in the City of London because they are running at about a £4 million loss on the contract.

A spokesman for the firm said last night: "We deeply regret having to withdraw, but we cannot keep an open-ended contract of this sort going."

The original contract was for about £14,800,000. The spokesman said that so far, the group had received about £9,500,000 from the Corporation of London towards this. They had also agreed to inject another £1,700,000 into the project.

"Our efforts over the past year to get them to reach a more reasonable settlement have been a tragic failure," he said. They would be prepared to discuss final payment when the job was completed if some sort of guarantee could be reached at this stage.

Withdrawal from the job, though it would be phased, was to begin at once. "Our work will be mainly to secure the sites on which we are working in order for the City to take them over."

The spokesman also accused the City of failing to provide them with proper plans of what was to be done and of not arranging sub-contractors and suppliers adequately. "If they would do this for us we would continue the operation. But so far they have failed to do so."

Due to end in 1968
The group, who have about 200 men working on the site, will stop work on one of the high tower blocks and on four blocks of maisonettes. They have already completed and handed over two low blocks of maisonettes and a girls' school.

The Turriff spokesman said that the uncompleted buildings, from which they were withdrawing, would probably remain under the care and maintenance basis on which the group was placing them, until another contractor took over from the Corporation.

Turriff began work at the Barbican in 1965. "The contract was expected to end in 1968. It is now 1971 and we can see no end in sight. This is obviously a major worry for us."

He said that some 80 per cent of the value of the contract had been completed by

his firm. Some recognition of the major time lag and heavily increased costs should be recognised.

This was normal dealing in this sort of contract. But despite all the group's negotiation with the Corporation nothing had been achieved. A firm of our size cannot continue in this manner though we would do anything to meet them and stop the withdrawal."

In March, Turriff issued a writ against the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London claiming damages of £5,550,000 for an alleged breach of contract in regard to the group's work in the Barbican scheme.

The spokesman said last night that the writ had not, in fact, been served. It was probable that nothing further would be done about it now.

The Corporation of London were unable to comment on Turriff's decision last night.

THIEF HAILED SLEUTH TAXI DRIVER

A thief who had snatched a bag of money from a customer in a bank and then dropped it hailed a taxi driver who had followed him from the bank yesterday. Mr Daniel Goldstein, the driver, let him off at the Serpentine and followed him until the police arrived.

The raider had fallen to the floor as he was trying to get away from the National Westminster Bank, Sloane Square, Chelsea, after snatching a cash bag. He had tripped on his coat but wriggled free from the grasp of the bag's owner, leaving the money behind.

Mr Goldstein had then followed him. Later, a man was being questioned about the attempted robbery.

ENVIRONMENT TALKS

The first all-African seminar on the environment opened in Addis-Ababa yesterday attended by representatives from 33 countries. The meeting is sponsored by the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Africa.—Reuter.

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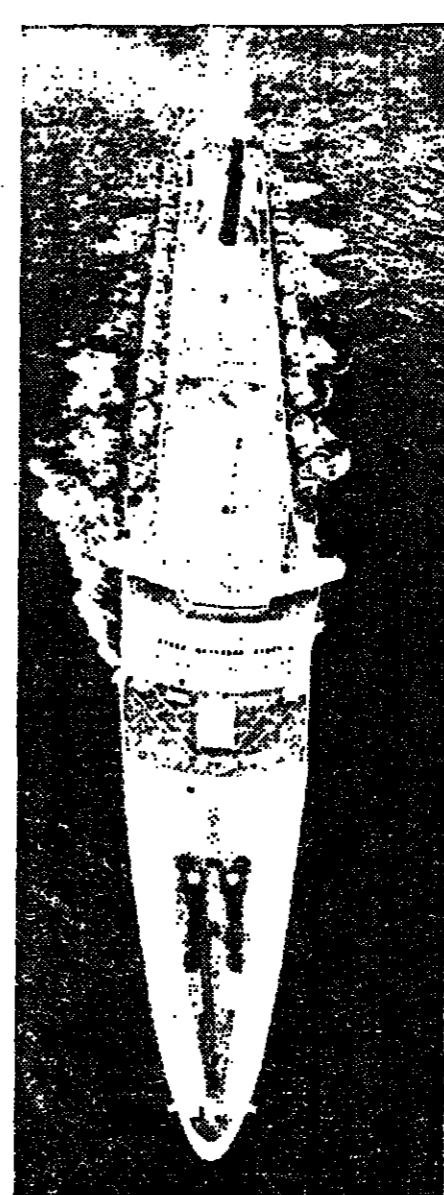
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COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS

N. Brown stages sharp recovery

BUT FOR the postal strike the profits of N. Brown Investments for the year ended Feb. 27 would have been at least double. The company, however, this direct mail order business which has been reorganised by chairman Davoud Alliance, has managed a sharp turnaround for the better on its performance during the previous 17-month period. The year ended Feb. 27 saw a loss of £201,659 whereas for the latest period there was a net profit of £124,547. In addition there was an exceptional credit of £49,706 in respect of previous years. The 5 p.c. final dividend makes 10 p.c. as forecast for the year.

Stock Conversion final up

THE final dividend from Stock Conversion has been set at 12½ p.c. compared with the forecast of not less than a same-gain 8 p.c. This final, payable on Sept. 30, means that this property group's total is up for the fourth successive time—from 15 p.c. to 30 p.c. on this occasion.

Pre-tax revenue has increased from £910,500 to £1,108,175. This includes group share of net revenue of associated companies of £22,581 (£18,817). This includes marks a change, since previously the practice was to include only the actual dividends received from such companies. The comparative figures for 1970 have been adjusted accordingly.

The tax charge this time is down from £454,785 to £180,545 as the whole of the year's revenue from Euxine Co. Properties bears no corporation tax charge by reason of tax losses brought forward.

Ellis & Goldstein happy

A 46 p.c. jump in first-half profits and a sharp upgrading of the forecast for the full year is the happy half-time report from Ellis & Goldstein (Holdings). The "Eastex" and "Dereta" women's wear group. Over the six months ended April 30 pre-tax profits have bounced up from a depressed £228,008 to £335,000.

The improvement is not from any exceptional seasonal circumstances but stems from the continuing reorganisation of group activities. The "Eastex" and "Dereta" manufacturing efficiency arising from the rapid growth of retail operation through own departments within a provision of 100,000 for the full year the board now expects profits will be up from £540,381 to "not less than £850,000" as against the June forecast of £800,000.

More from Pittard

THE NEWLY-BASED tanner C. W. Pittard has had an encouraging first half. Pre-tax profits up from £220,851 to £364,448. Shareholders' interim dividend is going up a point to 5 p.c. on Oct. 8. The chairman has a comforting statement from their chairman that "profits for the second half appear to be good."

Nothing from Turiff

THERE'S NO dividend for 1970 from Turiff Construction Corporation which paid 18 p.c. for 1969. It reports a £213,785 profit on the year as against one of £242,288 in 1969. The company has a £229,422 compared with a charge of £75,340. Profit during the year was affected by the Barbican contract and writing off a loss of £168,646 on the Twickenham contract. Now financial results are up to £242,288. This credit is principally related to the net surplus arising on the sale of a lease.

BSA selling Birtley

BSA, the troubled engineering group, whose shares plummeted this month following news that former substantial shareholder Dr McDonald, chairman of Vision Enterprises, had withdrawn his offer for the company, is selling off one of its subsidiaries in a £250,000 deal.

Carreras does well

IT HAS been a good year for Carreras, the tobacco group, and its shareholders. During 1970-71 pre-tax profits have risen from £7,302,000 to £9,502,000. Return on assets is 10½ p.c. final dividend on Nov. 9 to take their total up a point to 15½ p.c.

BSC to join ranks of pension funds

THE British Steel Corporation plans to join the ranks of the giant pension funds by introducing a nationwide contributory scheme for its 185,000 manual workers. A joint working party from the BSC and the TUC's steel committee has produced an outline scheme of discussion and possible amendment. Workers would pay 2½ p.c. of all gross earnings above £12 a week into the fund. The corporation would put in 6½ p.c. in a similar basis.

Ford fights off foreign invaders

FORD'S fight-back from the hammering of its spring strike is today shown to have reached such a pitch that it has stemmed the great invasion of foreign cars and clipped back sales of other large car-makers in the British market.

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City cautious as markets reopen on steady note

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

FOREIGN currency markets yesterday reopened and scenes of considerable activity, with dealers all over the Continent trying to establish a true market rate. Dealing spreads were wide and inquiries often led to no business. Turnover was never great and by the close of business the market some dealers described conditions as quiet.

The result was a considerable comfort to exporters and importers whose main concern is a steady market in currencies so that they know the extent of their commitments and their earnings. It must be a disappointment to those who hoped to see currencies realign themselves significantly. It prolongs the deadlock and reduces the incentive for an international effort to find a solution.

Sterling opened at \$2.45½ to 47½, equal to a revaluation of nearly 5 p.c. on the old parity, but only 2 p.c. above the effective rate at which the Bank of England used to intervene.

Rate untested

The Bank of England did not reveal the rate at which it would be prepared to intervene to buy dollars and the rate was apparently untested. Sterling quickly settled back to \$2.44½-45 and closed at \$2.43½ to 44½.

The pound gained ground against the Canadian dollar, the mark and the gulder which were already floating ten days ago, and the French commercial franc which remained closely managed by the Banque de France. Sterling also gained a little ground relative to the peseta and the escudo.

Sterling appreciated rather less than actually lost ground against the Belgian franc, the Swiss franc, the lira and the three Scandinavian currencies, all of which appreciated slightly more than the pound against the dollar, in comparison with closing rates on Friday, August 13.

In commercial terms the results so far are not of any great significance. Neither imports nor exports will be greatly inhibited by value changes of only 2 p.c., a range which Sir Leslie

Yen refuses to yield ground to the dollar

By ALAN OSBORN in Washington

A DAY after the foreign exchange markets reopened, and a week after the Nixon economic initiatives were unveiled the scorecard shows fewer real gains for the Americans than they might legitimately have hoped for. Credit them with successfully resisting calls for an international conference on exchange rates (and thus maintaining the tension and anxiety they hope will ultimately force action abroad) certainly.

A point or two also for a successful display of boldness in an area where circumspection is all but mandatory. A lot of words have been eaten this past week by observers who recently pressed their conviction that the political humiliation of a devaluation would bar Mr Nixon from any steps in this direction.

But when it comes to the meat of the matter—the achievement of a lower dollar parity relative to the world's stronger currencies—the gains look embarrassingly thin so far.

Japan has gambled that she could resist the United States pressures on her to revalue and she has not yet lost.

These are still early days. American and Japanese trade delegations are meeting in Honolulu. Japanese financial envoy Kusuke Kashiwagi is on his way back to Tokyo with some sort of message from the Treasury and



Business was brisk in the foreign dealings office of merchant banker Samuel Montagu yesterday morning as the foreign exchanges opened after a week off to look at the economic plans of President Nixon. Early in the day activity was up to a high level with telex and telephone services used to capacity. Conditions were, however, somewhat quieter.

Loss of over £2m denied by Pergamon

SUGGESTIONS that the losses of Pergamon Press for the year to September, 1970, will total some £2.5 million against the forecast of £1,524,000 were yesterday described as "calculated guesses designed to create alarm and despondency" by Mr Alistair Thomson, a director of Pergamon.

He claimed that the ill-founded rumours had originated in New York and were not, as far as he knew, based on any "inside" intelligence.

The Pergamon board, minus chairman Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, who is in Portugal, yesterday held an emergency meeting to consider the accounts. They hope to rush them out to stop speculation and quieten fears.

Figures should be finalised shortly and sent for publication at the beginning of next month. The annual meeting will be held on Sept. 30.

Mr Thomson stressed that Dr Felix Kalinski's removal as vice-president of Leasco Data Processing, the American computer concern which owns 38 p.c. of Pergamon, would not affect Dr Kalinski's position as managing director of Pergamon.

Dr Kalinski joined Pergamon as managing director in 1969. He was replaced by Mr Robert Maxwell as chairman and managing director in Oct. 1969.

Originally Leasco paid Dr Kalinski's salary under a three-year contract which still has a year to run and has not been terminated. But after November last year when Leasco decided it would drop any plans for acquiring Pergamon once and for all, Pergamon undertook to reimburse Leasco for Dr Kalinski's services.

Dr Kalinski became vice-president of Leasco when the American computer company was still planning to take over Pergamon. Yesterday he said he did not consider himself a Leasco nominee on Pergamon's board: "I am an independent in every respect of the word. I represent all shareholders."

He declined to comment on Pergamon's profits in 1969-70, saying that "discussion should be left to after full disclosure of what the figures are and all the circumstances surrounding them."

He added: "I will leave it for everyone to judge whether the job has been done competently or not."

Mr Thomson denied that Pergamon would now seek to nominate a British candidate for Dr Kalinski's job. As long as Leasco's contract with Dr Kalinski held good, the present arrangements stood, he said.

Edger gives reasons for rejecting AIP

AN ADJUSTED net asset value of 215p, compared with the Amalgamated Investment and Property offer of 192p, is claimed by Edger Investments in a circular rejecting the bid.

Edger is also giving more details of its Bankside development, which it expects will bring in income of £1.3 million a year for the company, and of the Cromwell Road-Earls Court Road scheme, which it expects to bring in £700,000 a year.

In the computation of the asset value per share, these developments have been included at the vacant possession value of the sites.

For the current year, Edger is going for after tax profits of £364,000 and for the year to March 31, 1973, the expectation is £411,000 after tax.

Russia accused of 'dumping'

A £50-A-TON provisional anti-dumping duty was ordered by the Government last night on chromic anhydride, used in chromium plating, coming from Russia and the Eastern bloc.

It will last for three months from today while the Department of Trade and Industry investigates allegations that Russia is selling at unfair prices.

Britain worst hit by recession in steel industry

THE WHOLE world is now suffering from a slump in orders for steel, but Britain is affected far more seriously than other places. This is shown today in a survey by the International Iron and Steel Institute of output in 24 countries outside the Communist area.

The July production figures show that British output is down by 11.1 p.c. compared with a year earlier, while the Japanese decline is 8.7 p.c.

Production in the United States slipped back by 7.4 p.c. that in the Common Market by 6.4 p.c. and that for other countries by 1.3 p.c.

This gave output of 9.05 million metric tons of raw steel in the United States, 8.65 million tons in the Common Market, 7.26 million in Britain and 4.84 million for the rest.

The average decline was 6.8 p.c.

Figures for the first seven months of the year were down by 2.7 p.c. at a total of 236.50 million metric tons. Over the seven months, the United States registered a gain from 71.39 million tons to 74.16 million, but the other three major producers had significant falls.

Common Market totals dropped from 65.8 million to 61.69 million. Japan's total from 54.56 million to 30.35 million and Britain's from 16.20 million to 14.52 million.

The January-July totals gave Britain a decline of 10.4 p.c., Japan a tumble of 6.6 p.c., the Common Market a drop of 6.2 p.c., the United States a rise of 3.9 p.c. and the others a rise of 0.1 p.c.

Mining Year Book

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BY THE CITY EDITOR

A CURE to the ills of the international monetary system will not be easily found. Yesterday's events made a solution less easy to find than ever. Markets reopened and although dealers and traders had an anxious day no currency moved more than about 2 p.c. up or down on its pre-crisis dollar value. The gold price remained steady. The opening of the markets has relieved the commercial pressure for a solution, and the absence of panic yesterday means that trade payments can be resumed without too much damage to trading confidence. That is a vast relief to the commercial community.

But the absence of panic also means the most urgent pressure for a permanent solution to the crisis has also been removed. There are still almost as many solutions to the problems as there are participants in the debate. The United States wants others to revalue; Germany wants floating currency rates; Japan wants a return to the comfortable conditions before the Nixon package was announced; France wants the United States to devalue by raising the dollar price of gold.

The chances of quick agreement on a single solution are receding ever further with the successful re-opening of the markets. A compromise now looks the only solution and a compromise by definition takes time and patience to produce.

Schweitzer's solution

Yesterday M. Schweitzer, the managing director of the IMF added to the plethora of advice by suggesting the United States should put up the price of gold as an opening contribution to a solution. It would solve all the problems because other currencies are "out of line with the dollar by varying degrees." But M. Schweitzer made it clear that he expected the United States to make the opening contribution to solving the present impasse and an increase in the gold price would be the logical move for America to make.

Diplomatically the head of the IMF abstained from criticising President Nixon's policies which caused the immediate crisis. An American action was necessary to break the deadlock and force the making of decisions, he implied. "Negotiations for a new pattern of exchange rates probably could not have taken place if the United States had not stopped selling gold."

Now the situation has been brought to a head however, M. Schweitzer has a very great vested interest in getting a solution. Floating currencies strike at the heart of the International Monetary Fund itself. Established after the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944 it has worked to maintain fixed rates of exchange between currencies so that traders shall know within close limits the value of their foreign currency earnings and obligations.

M. Schweitzer is convinced, rightly, that floating currencies will inhibit trade if only because potential exporters are reluctant to add foreign exchange worries to top of the official price of \$35.00 might help even if expert advice is available.

A modest increase in the official gold price perhaps 5 p.c. or \$1.75 an ounce on top of the official price of \$35.00 might help the negotiations. It would be small enough not to get the commercial gold market too excited—free market gold is at \$45.30 an ounce and unlikely ever to see \$55.00 again. And it might persuade the Japanese

to climb down and put the price of the yen up. That might break the current deadlock and get rid of the dangers to international trade.

An increase in the price of gold should only be regarded as a short-term solution. To get things moving again, while the real work of negotiating a long-term solution to the problem gets under way.

The long-term solution must be a new impartial reserve asset on the lines of paper gold, created and managed by an international authority to take over the responsibilities of the dollar as well as the pound. Anything which delays that solution is harmful.

If President Nixon is willing to make a modest increase in the price of gold and get a package of revaluations in return, M. Schweitzer's suggestion is a sound one. But it may prove difficult to get President Nixon to agree 15 months before he runs for re-election. A modest once-and-for-all increase in the gold price is not worth waiting that long for.

Brokers holding V & G premiums

NOTHING SEEMS straightforward about the Vehicle and General affair. The liquidators, currently in the process of gathering together as much of the company's assets as possible, have found insurance brokers unwilling to pay up premiums which the V & G books show are still owing.

The two firms of accountants, Cork Gulley and Cooper Brothers are in the process of starting about 20 legal actions against the "largest and most obvious" debtors among the brokers. Mr G. A. Weiss, of Cork Gulley, said last night that the amount liquidators were trying to recover could be around £2 million.

The amount may seem large but there were 750,000 policyholders in all, so that over the two-month period around the time V & G went bust there must have been more than 10,000 policies up for renewal.

Some people may have taken notice of the rumours circulating prior to the actual crash and failed to renew, but Mr Weiss feels that now it is up to the brokers to prove that V & G's computers and the V & G books are wrong. The liquidators are still checking through the books to see which policies really were cancelled.

Some brokers have already said they have not yet collected the money from policyholders, though the liquidators doubt that. What may have happened is that a number of brokers, when assailed by irate clients promised to rectify their mistake.

This might have been worth while to keep a good customer happy, but it meant the broker having to take out a second insurance policy at extra expense. So now it is his own money the broker is being asked for, and as Mr Weiss says, he is "understandably reluctant" to pay up.

The accountants would be helped if past policyholders were to send receipts from their brokers as evidence of payment, but are a bit wary of the immense volume of mail which might descend on them.

But they are naturally keen to collect as much outstanding cash as possible. The size of the total outstanding premiums is put into perspective when set beside the £3.1 million received when V & G subsidiary Pioneer Life Assurance—which itself had 160,000 policyholders—was sold to Slater Walker.

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Distillers' exports top £100m.

The following are extracts from the statement made by the Chairman, Mr. Alex McDonald, and circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1971.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON RESULTS

Excluding subsidiary companies in the United Glass subgroup, the consolidated profit for the year ended 31st March 1971 amounted to £54.7 million, an increase of £2.1 million compared with the previous year. The increase represents a rise of £3.0 million in trading profit, partly offset by a reduction of £0.6 million in income from investments and a charge for interest greater by £0.3 million.

The profit of our Scotch Whisky, Gin and Vodka interests increased by £4.2 million, mainly due to a higher volume of sales, but also as a result of an adjustment to the export price of our de luxe whiskies. It is particularly gratifying that the sustained growth of our exports of Scotch Whisky and Gin has for the first time carried the total value of Group exports beyond the £100 million mark.

The results of the Yeast and Food Group and of our Carbon Dioxide interests were both lower, showing together a fall of £0.8 million, mainly owing to higher costs.

The contraction in income from investments resulted from the realisation of Government Securities and of BP stock.

Last year the provision for taxation was based on corporation tax at the rate of 45%. Subsequently, the relevant rate was reduced to 42½%, giving rise to an over provision of approximately £1.2 million, which has been credited to reserve. The estimated taxation on the profit of the year under review is based on corporation tax at the current rate of 40%.

The consolidated net profit after taxation is £33.0 million, to which requires to be added £0.7 million representing the net profit from our interests in United Glass, making the total net profit attributable to the Company £33.7 million. Your Directors now recommend a final dividend on the share capital of 7.25 per cent, which, with the interim of 5.5 per cent already paid, will make a total distribution for the year of 12.75 per cent compared with 12.25 per cent last year.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet shows an increase in stocks of £22.5 million. Although the greater part of this figure is represented by additional maturing whiskies necessary to support the projected future sales of our brands, the effect of inflation to which I referred last year is also reflected to a material extent.

Some commentators on my previous remarks regarded the problems created by inflation as peculiar to the Scotch Whisky industry because of its substantial investment in stocks. The effect upon other Companies whose major investment is in plant is very similar. Indeed such a Company may well replace each year a greater proportion of its total investment than would the holder of Scotch Whisky stocks.

I welcome the growing interest in this subject which has been displayed recently by a number of bodies, including the Institutes of Chartered Accountants. It seems increasingly evident that standard accounting procedures in this country must be modified to incorporate such adjustments as may be required to recognise the effect of inflation, not only upon profits but also upon the resources available for investment.

Our own accounting staff have developed a system of applying to the costs of assets appropriate factors derived from the Consumer Price Index. We believe this provides a reasonable measure of the effect of inflation upon the results of the year's trading. In consequence we consider that the value of our assets has been eroded by inflation during the year to the extent of some £8 million. In other words, to maintain in terms of today's prices the same volume of physical assets as existed at 31st March 1970, we would require to appropriate out of the apparent profit (as arrived at by present day accounting methods) the sum of about £8 million.

It may be helpful to re-state the Profit and Loss Account in the way we see the position. This would be as follows:

	£'000
Conventional profit	54,688
Deduct appropriation required to counter inflation	7,851
"Real" profit	46,837
Estimated taxation	21,548
	25,289
Minority shareholders' interests	114
Adjusted consolidated net profit	25,175
Net profit of the United Glass subgroup (unadjusted but not significant in relation to the total)	721
Approximate "real" net profit attributable to the Company	25,896

The first point which emerges is that Corporation Tax has not in fact absorbed 40% of the profit for the year but 46% of the "real" profit. The second observation which seems appropriate is that in distributing total dividends of £23,152,000 we are distributing almost the entire "real" profit remaining after taxation and in fact little is left as an addition to our financial resources.

One consequence of this situation is that the continual increase in requirements for working capital entailed by the growth of the Group's business cannot be met today out of retained profits. Since the issue in 1967 of £30 million Unsecured Loan Stock mainly to fund then existing short term borrowings, the Group's additional needs for cash have been met by realisations from the £19 million BP stock received as part consideration for the sale to BP of the Group's chemical and plastics interests. In this way £9.4 million of stock had been sold on the open market by 31st March this year. However, just as in 1967, your Directors take the view that the Company should avoid a position in which, were a pressing need for cash to arise, BP stock might have to be sold in market conditions which were temporarily adverse. Accordingly, before this statement is published, I expect that a further issue of Loan Stock will have been made.

Legal proceedings continue against the Distillers Company (Biochemicals) Ltd. arising out of the sale of Thalidomide products prior to December 1961. Settlement of the 65 actions the basis of which was agreed and approved by the High Court in 1968 is virtually complete.

The large number of additional legal claims made against the Company subsequent to the announcement of that settlement is still outstanding. The proceedings between the Company and its insurers which the Company instituted with a view to resolving the insurance position are still pending. Following a decision of the Privy Council an action begun in Australia against the

Company and its Australian subsidiary is now being pursued. Further comment on any of these outstanding matters is not appropriate at this time.

SCOTCH WHISKY

Operations at our malt and grain distilleries have run smoothly during the year. The productive capacity for malt whisky is being expanded at Glendullan and Caol Ila distilleries and mechanical maltings are being built at Port Ellen distillery in Islay to supply our three distilleries on that island, and also at Burghhead as an extension to our existing plant there. A new large blending and bottling plant is being built at Leven in the County of Fife to meet the increasing demand for these services.

In the home market The Scotch Whisky Association has made further strong representations to the Chancellor for a reduction in spirit duty, and stressed once more the handicap the industry suffers by virtue of the substantially higher rate of duty it has to bear compared with other products in the field of alcoholic beverages.

During the year under review, the industry enhanced its level of home sales to the highest total since the last war, representing an increase of some 10.5% over the previous year. I am glad to report that sales of Group brands increased by a considerably higher percentage, and in this performance Haig strengthened and further consolidated its position as the leading brand in the market. Dewar continued to enjoy an ever increasing popularity in Scotland, and was our largest selling brand north of the border.

In October last the opportunity was taken to increase home trade prices by an amount judged by the Board to be appropriate in relation to the continuing highly competitive situation in the market. Increased sales, partly at higher prices, did in fact achieve the objective of improving profitability. It must be stressed however, that

consumption there, rose by 10.7%. Your Company's brands maintained their proportion of this highly competitive market. Dewar's White Label enjoyed particular success in New York and the eastern states, increasing its sales considerably, while Johnnie Walker's Red and Black Labels continued to sell strongly.

Sales in the Central American and West Indian markets continue to expand. Early in 1971 the situation in Mexico was suddenly improved by the granting of greatly increased import licences.

As regards South America, Venezuela continues to be one of the greatest markets for Scotch Whisky in the world and James Buchanan & Company Ltd. with their Buchanan's "De Luxe" and "Black & White" still hold the lead.

In other South American markets, particularly Brazil and Argentina, there were some relatively large increases in industry shipments. Almost entirely these took the form of bulk Scotch Whisky for admixing with local spirit, to make products frequently sold under misleading labels. Your Company does not supply Whisky for this trade.

In Australia, New Zealand and Asia, the Company's brands, headed by Johnnie Walker, have again strengthened their position. In Japan this has been far from easy in face of the large amounts of bulk Scotch Whisky shipped for improving locally produced spirit, the result being described as Japanese Whisky. As in the case of South America your Company does not believe this type of business can be in the long term interests of Scotch Whisky, and is not involved.

Japan has for some time been a relatively small market for Scotch Whisky in bottle owing to the limitations imposed by import licensing, but I am glad to report that at the end of 1970 the licensing restrictions were abolished. "Johnnie Walker", "White Horse", "Black & White" and "Old Pan", all brands belonging to your Company, have for a long time been leaders in the

GIN

I am pleased to be able to report a substantial increase in world sales of Gordon's, Booth's and Tanqueray Gins. The United Kingdom and the United States markets accounted for the major part of the increase.

As with Scotch Whisky, in face of steeply rising costs the prices of our brands of Gin were increased in the home trade last October.

Shipments of our brands of Gin to overseas markets were well ahead of the previous year and the Group increased its proportion of total exports.

Sales of Gordon's Gin in the United States continued their upward trend and the brand retained its pre-eminent position as market leader.

VODKA

In the United States, the market for Gordon's Vodka once again showed a substantial rise. Sales of Cossack Vodka in the United Kingdom continued to make progress with a considerable increase over the previous year and a steadily rising share of the market.

PIMM'S

In the first full year during which Pimm's Ltd. has been a member of the Group, sales in the home market have shown an encouraging upward trend. Shipments to export markets were also higher than in the previous year.

COGNAC HINE

During the year we successfully negotiated the purchase of a majority interest in the company Cognac Hine, whose business consists of the production and sale of its various brands of Cognac. These enjoy an excellent reputation which we shall take every care to maintain. Your Board believes that there is real scope for expanding the sales of Hine in a number of export markets.

AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS

Although sales of their brands of Australian Whisky and Gin were slightly lower, good results for Vodka and other lines contributed to an increase in profits by The United Distillers Pty. Ltd.

FOOD GROUP

Although sales of Bakers Compressed Yeast and Dried Baking Yeasts were well maintained during the year, substantial increases in the costs of production and distribution, without equivalent price increases, reduced profitability, particularly during the first six months.

THE DISTILLERS COMPANY (CARBON DIOXIDE) LIMITED

Sales of carbon dioxide again showed a very satisfactory rate of growth. This progress was, however, overtaken by abnormal increases in costs, stemming from the high rate of inflation which occurred in the year. The highly competitive situation in the CO₂ market did not allow these cost increases to be entirely offset by price adjustments so that, in the overall picture, profits were reduced by approximately the extent to which they had grown in the previous year.

BAKELITE XYLONITE LIMITED

Overall the 1970 results of Bakelite Xylonite Ltd., the plastics company which we share equally with Union Carbide Corporation, USA, were encouraging.

UNITED GLASS LIMITED

The consolidated profit of United Glass in the calendar year 1970 before taxation amounted to £1,574,000 compared with £751,000 (excluding the loss of the discontinued British Heat Resisting Glass Company Limited) in the previous year. This marked improvement was entirely attributable to the Glass Container Division. In the other businesses, despite price increases, the dramatic rise in the cost of labour, materials and services caused profits to fall short of 1969 levels.

PERSONNEL

Although all our employees have contributed much to the smooth running of our operations over the past year, on this occasion I should like to mention particularly the quite remarkable achievements of the people primarily concerned with the bottling and distribution of Scotch Whisky and Gin. The advance notice given last August of an imminent price increase in the home trade concentrated the volume of business normally done between August and December into a flood of orders for delivery at the old price before the end of September. They were honoured at the earliest possible time by virtue of the strenuous efforts of those concerned. Your Board join with me in expressing on your behalf our great appreciation of their response to the needs of the time.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Reports on economic conditions in the USA are not entirely encouraging, but, although this was also the situation last year, the demand there for Scotch Whisky did expand. We expect that our two major brands in that market will continue to record increased sales. In the rest of the world, demand continues reasonably strong and, provided prices are not greatly eroded by the intensity of competition, I am hopeful of a successful outcome to the current year.



Cutting peat. Malt whisky derives part of its inimitable flavour from the application of peat smoke to malted barley.

the rise in the price of Scotch Whisky served to intensify competition for market share.

I referred a year ago to the arrangement whereby Bass Charrington had been appointed agents for the sale of "Vat 69" in the UK. I am glad to say that the year under review was again one of encouragement to both parties.

As regards the export position, industry shipments for the year ended 31st March 1971 rose from 56,447,000 proof gallons to 81,960,000 proof gallons. I am glad to report that your Company's percentage of this total was well maintained.

In the United States - by far the largest market in the world - fears that the economic situation might affect sales of Scotch Whisky were not realised and, in fact, tax payments for the year 1970, the most reliable guide to

market. Every opportunity is now being taken to ensure that these and our other brands expand their business in the market which should grow considerably over the years.

Europe today contains the second, third and fourth largest export markets of the world, viz: France, Germany and Italy. Your Company's major brands have excellent distribution throughout these countries. However, competition, much at very low prices, is intense.

Problems which might arise should this country enter the Common Market continue to be studied. The Council of The Scotch Whisky Association have informed the Government of the difficulties which are foreseen for the industry, but the Departments have not so far felt able to offer any assurances.

The Ninety-fourth Annual General Meeting of The Distillers Company Limited will be held at the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 16th day of September, 1971 at 12.15 p.m.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	Year to 31st March 1971	Year to 31st March 1970
	£	£
Consolidated profit before tax	54,688,000	52,628,000
Net earnings (including United Glass)	33,747,000	29,615,000
Retained in the business	10,595,000	7,327,000
Dividends	23,152,000	22,288,000
Rate of dividends	12.75%	12.25%



Property men find a desirable address in King's Road, S.W.

INSTITUTIONAL property purchasers are now more readily buying up freeholds and leaseholds in King's Road, Chelsea, which is fast becoming part of the shopping establishment. Up until a few months ago, it was hard to convince buyers that King's Road's phenomenal commercial growth was anything more than an anomaly that would sooner or later be checked.

Now the feeling is that King's Road will continue to grow as fast as ever, but that King's Road High Street, where six-day shopping has had a dramatic effect on rentals. The scope for extending the high trade belt along the King's Road into the antique areas is tremendous, and developers and retailers are alive to it as more and more local trade shuts up shop and moves away.

Once a narrow lane running through the strawberry, lavender and daisy fields of Chelsea, King's Road became a roval coach road after the restoration and remained the king's route out of London until the reign of George III, when it was opened to the people. At the beginning of the 19th century, it was almost exclusively occupied by nurserymen and florists. Sloane Square served as both meeting and market place for local traders and residents.

Self-contained and utopian was Chelsea, King's Road, despite a lack of architectural distinction, drew artists and Bohemians. It became the artery of Bohemian Chelsea life and the playground of the bourgeoisie Chelsea set in the 1930s.

Today it is an internationally famous fashion and fun forum. The tree-lined splendour of it at the Belgrave end and the village carnival atmosphere of its high trade shopping area is divided by Sloane Square. Antique and rare book dealers have fled from the clothes-crazy crowds to the other end of King's Road, which extends embarrassingly to the shabby drabness of Fulham.

The building of Peter Jones department store at Sloane Square in around 1936 might have stimulated the growth of a high street shopping area such as Oxford Street at that time. But the war interrupted the process.

King's Road remained a local trading area, housing a multitude of small shopkeepers until the mid-1960s, when fashion and food combines invaded the premises, introducing a distinctly individualistic street

By STELLA SHAMOON

a brash and outlandish commerciality that has since become its trade mark. There are a few remaining survivors of the multiple onslaught—local traders have so far resisted the temptation to sell their stores for once-in-a-lifetime offers and move out. Evans, the sweetshop, closed down barely ten days ago and has already vanished without a trace as Quincy, the new fashion concern moves its shoeboxes and fun furs into the redecorated beyond-recognition premises.

Andrews, the butchers, whose little shop from its nostalgic reminder, may be on the market shortly, its lease is running out. Beaton's the bakers, at number 134, and Jesson newsagent at number 129, will sooner or later fall to the new King's Road establishment.

Nora Bradley, the posh fashion shop, gave up waiting for the trendy debts to grow into its clothes and moved to Sloane Street. Freehold of this corner shop is now for sale.

Every day general traders are

packing up and going as their leases fall in. Or if they have a good lease running, they are capitalising while the going is so good. Large institutions too, like Woolworth and Macfisheries were among those who tried at chances to sell their King's Road premises at high prices.

Rents have soared in the past two years. One fashion shop (called Crumbles, near the Classic cinema) was on a rent of £30 a year but has now been sold for £3,000 a year. Another frontage, about 6ft and only 12ft deep, was recently on offer at £12,500 a year. A local antique dealer told me this shop, now £600 a year, will become £6,000 on renewal of lease.

Asking rents for shops in the hottest trading area, near Peter Jones, range from £18,000 to £24,000 a year. This compares with £12,000 to £13,000 two years ago and £3,000 to £10,000 five years ago.

Woolworth sold last December to Town and Guardian Holdings for £651,000. Marcus Leaver handled the deal. At first the site was used as a clothing market but most of the stalls have now been removed two months because they could



not make enough to cover the rent. Now the site is being developed at a cost of some £1 million into a shopping centre with 26 boutiques, to be opened at Christmas and known as Sloane.

The development is by Town Markets and Town and Guardian Ltd., subsidiary of Town and Guardian Holdings. Town Markets is controlled by Mr Laurie Marsh, former Star (Great Britain) director who now heads Tigon film group. He tells me Sloane is already wholly let in principle on seven-year leases with three-year rent reviews.

He expects a gross annual income of about £200,000 from the 12,000 sq ft centre. A proportion of the income will be invested in promoting and maintaining the centre. Silver dealer Benny Green is

successfully running an antique market Antiquary, on the corner of Flood Street and King's Road where exclusive car agents once had a showroom. The market has 230 stalls, 6ft by 5ft, let at £7-50 a week—£325,000 gross income a year. Since the Woolworth's sale,

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Other plum sites have come onto the market. Granada sold a cinema on the corner of Sydney Street and King's Road to Beaufort Properties, which is now developing the site into two-bedroom flats, offices and shops. H. M. Hill is the architect, while Hampton and Sons are letting

agents for the residential element, and Healey and Baker are acting on the commercial side.

Other properties are up for sale and ripe for redevelopment. National Freight Corporation owns a prime 4-acre freehold site with a 37ft frontage that has been officially on offer for two weeks. Number 77 King's Road, part of the former Gorings empire, is also vacant. Watney Mann have closed their bottling plant in the so-called 'dead end' of King's Road towards Fulham, and just exchanged contracts to sell it to Romulus Construction. Romulus have not yet finalised plans which will shortly be put to the borough council for consent. The Odeon cinema site—although not officially up for sale—has attracted informal proposals for schemes extending to

the former Allied Carpets (Warehouse) premises where the last Cyril Lord carpets were sold. One proposed scheme comprises the Trafalgar disco-club, a joint venture by Bass Charrington and restaurant and club owners Rambutan. The land is owned by Cadogan Estate, which owns the freehold of a major part of King's Road.

Bass Charrington's conspicuous

space age establishment on the site of the former White Hart pub is being redeveloped for reopening in September. The catering side is to go in the light of stiff competition from the pizza and hamburger places that have replaced expensive trattorias in the King's Road.

MARKET PLACE

Billings & Edmunds

Covering a floor area of 39,630 sq ft, the building is situated on the southeast corner of West Regent Street and Pitt Street and is to be occupied by the Department of Health and Social Security.

St. Anne's Ct. sale

COUNTY & District Properties has sold the freehold with vacant possession of 21-25 St. Anne's Court, London, W.1, for £115,000. The premises comprise ground floor, basement and two upper floors with a floor space of about 9,000 square feet.

W. Regent House let

THE whole of Pension Fund Property Unit Trust's West Regent House in Glasgow has been let to the Department of Environment.

Prop. bond valuer

JONES Lang Wootton has been appointed valuer to the property bond fund managed by the City of Westminster Assurance Group. The company is now valuing to some seven property bond funds.

Costain group

CONTRACTS worth £3 million have been gained by Costain Australia Pty. of Melbourne, part of the British Costain group. The largest is the construction of a three-storey shopping centre in Frankston, Victoria, for the National Mutual Life Association of Australia.

Gredley estate

THE former CWS property at Thames Road, Silvertown, London, which was purchased by Gredley, has now been completely redeveloped and let.

EPI gets go-ahead

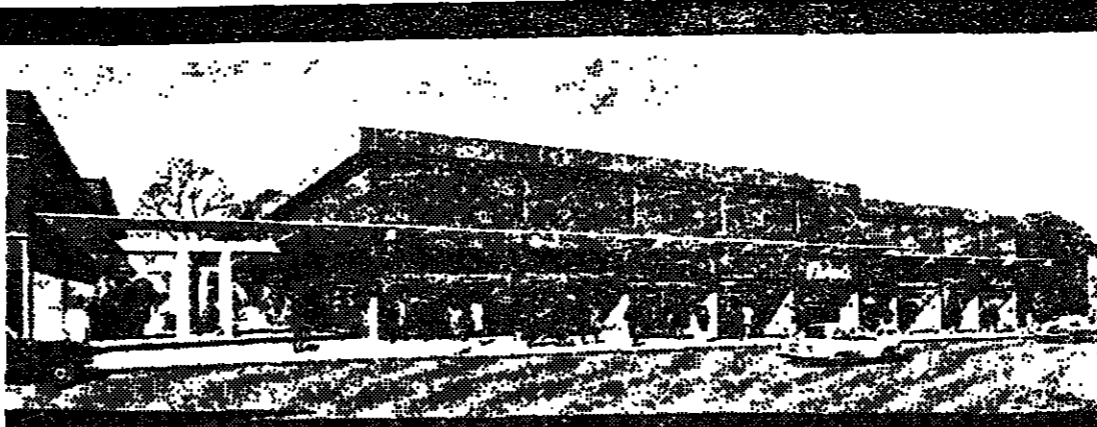
PLANNING permission in full has been granted to Estates Property Investment for the first phase of its £2 million industrial development near Birkenhead, now named the North Cheshire Trading Estate.

Letting agents were Chamberlain and Willows.

An artist's impression of the third phase of the Bedworth central area development scheme which has just been completed. The project was carried out in partnership with Bedworth U.D.C. and the local authority.

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office block for Guardian Assurance Company under a £1.1 million contract.

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The following is a summary of the Chairman's Review—

TRADING: Millars Machinery Co. Ltd., included for 8 months, doubled and diversified Group annual turnover and after reorganisation earned a profit. Despite continuing restrained activity in the industry, turnover excluding Millars increased by 8%. Bristowes Machinery achieved a record year with its latest contract in asphalt plants whilst business at Niagara Screens & Plant continued to be highly competitive and margin keen. The increased manufacturing capacity provided by Millars enabled the Group to deliver expeditiously a number of plants larger than any previously undertaken.

EXPORTS: Direct Exports amounted to 25% of turnover. ACCOUNTS: The Group net profit before taxation increased by 14%. Pre-consolidation losses of Millars relieved the Group of most of its tax liability, leaving profits after tax £120,887 (£64,906).

NET TANGIBLE ASSETS: 32p per 10p share. DIVIDEND: The proposed total dividend is increased from 15% to 17½%.

OUTLOOK for the current year is reasonably promising. Further additions to the product range are in prospect. The volume of enquiries remains heavy. All three Works are busy and each has areas under pressure. Millars should increase its contribution, with further taxation benefit from past loss. The Directors will be disappointed if there is not a further improvement in profits for the current year.

Salient points from accounts to 31st March 1971:—

	1971	1970
Turnover	2,284,273	1,258,915
Profit before taxation	133,284	107,619
Profit after taxation	128,659	102,979
Proposed total dividend	64,959	55,679
Net tangible assets	1,196,899	822,915

Copies of the full Report & Accounts are obtainable from the Secretary, Sirayfields Works, Clay Hill, Enfield.

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DOLLAR STRENGTH
DISAPPOINTS
NIXON HOPES

By ALAN OSBORN in Washington
THE strength of the dollar in its first real free market test against other countries plainly disappointed the American economic and monetary authorities yesterday.

"We would be lying if we said we had not hoped for a bigger depreciation," said a senior Treasury official. They had hoped for the first time since President Nixon allowed the dollar to float on Aug. 15, it would fall between 10 and 15 per cent in value.

ISRAELI JAIL TERM FOR PRICE RISES

By MAIER ASHER in Jerusalem
THE Israeli Parliament voted in a stormy session last night to extend emergency regulations against businessmen who increase prices without Government permission.

Penalties are up to three years' jail and fines up to \$1,000. There were sharp exchanges between Mrs. Meir, the Prime Minister and Mr. Ben Aharan, Secretary-General of the Labour Federation, who attacked the Government for not telling him about the 20 per cent devaluation of the Israeli pound on Saturday night.

In a wave of panic buying yesterday, supermarket shelves were cleared by housewives, and there was a run on television sets and electrical appliances. Mr. Sapir, Finance Minister, later told Parliament that the new Bill would keep prices down, boost exports and limit imports.

Labour trouble But the real threat to the devaluation policy is expected from the labour sector. Militant works committees are forcing the labour federation to demand immediate cancellation of price increases of basic commodities.

Labour opposition Meanwhile, in California yesterday, Mr. Nixon was in closed session, working on the problems associated with his wage and price squeeze, the most controversial domestic measure in his economic package.

But so far the Nixon Government has held firm in denying requests for exemptions, including one from the British Government for Rolls-Royce RB-211 engines.

There is general belief that the surcharge will not be moderated before the world's currency rates are acceptably re-aligned.

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\$ picks up against the mark

By PETER SCHMITT in Bonn
THE dollar recovered notably as West Germany's money markets reopened. Its virtual devaluation rate relative to the old official parity of DM3.66 to the dollar was 6.9 per cent, compared to 8.2 per cent on Aug. 13.

While the West German Bundesbank abstained from selling or buying dollars, the dollar's rate against the floating mark was valued at DM5.4250 in mid-day fixing in the Frankfurt foreign exchange bourse.

This compared favourably to the dollar's law of DM3.8500 on Aug. 13, which was its "black day" in official currency trading in West Germany.

Yesterday's closing prices in currency dealing increased to between DM3.4250 and 3.4280, which was taken as another symptom of the dollar's recovery.

West German monetary experts said yesterday that the dollar was likely to steady more significantly over the coming days since the Bundesbank was determined to keep its decline at a reasonable limit.

There were reports yesterday that the West German Central Bank Council will lower bank rate, which is now five per cent, tomorrow since West Germany's economy is suffering from stagnation in export orders.

Better franc rate for tourists

By Our Paris Staff
AFTER last week's dire predictions in French financial circles, the dollar yesterday appeared somewhat stronger than expected with the reopening of the exchange market and the launching of the two-tier system.

The inter-bank rate for the dollar was 45.5-47 francs, 1.1 per cent below the official parity of 5.54 francs, which is now reserved exclusively for strictly commercial operations.

Paris banks were buying dollar notes on the financial or "free" market for 5.25 francs, an improvement for tourists and other dollar-holders who last week occasionally had to exchange travellers' cheques below 5 francs to the dollar.

The pound was selling at 15.25 francs per the pound, a 10.4 per cent below the official parity of 15.35 francs.

CHEERS AS \$ IS MARKED UP

Americans queuing at the American Express office in the Haymarket gave a resounding cheer yesterday as the office marked up the dollar exchange rate to \$2.46 1/2 to the £. Business was 10 per cent up on a normal day.

The rate was the best the tourists had got since the official parity of \$2.40 to the £ was abandoned a week ago. "They feel their confidence in the dollar has been re-established," said Mr. E. J. Kneale, tourist financial services manager.

SWISS FRANC FLOAT

By Our Geneva Correspondent
The Swiss Cabinet decided yesterday to continue the official floating of the Swiss franc. The dollar remained firm in yesterday's inter-bank trading in Zurich, closing at 5.39 to 4.01 francs.

Pound up to \$2.44

An economy class return to New York will still cost \$452 or \$118, according to a B.O.A.C. spokesman yesterday. Passengers could buy the dollars from a bank for about £185 plus commission, but this would infringe Bank of England regulations, which stipulate that British residents settle bills in sterling.

The experience of the first day of trading has been generally reassuring for businessmen who rely on steady currency prices to keep track of their foreign currency earnings and obligations.

Frustration for U.S.

The objective of President Nixon's policies which led to the closing of the markets last week was to force other currencies to appreciate against the dollar so that American goods could be sold much more easily and foreign goods, especially Japanese manufacturers, would become much more expensive in the United States.

This has not yet happened. The Japanese authorities again opened their currency market yesterday and sold yen to clear buyers' orders.

HUNT

By JOHN EVANS and TREVOR BATES
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A few moments later Supt. Richardson was fatally wounded. The shooting was seen by Mrs. Margaret Thompson, 27, who has a boarding house in Sherborne Road.

She said later: "I heard the squeal of a car's brakes and a crash. I went outside to have a look. A police officer was chasing a man who had a gun in his hand."

My first thought was for my small son and the two children who was playing with outside our house. After I had put them in the house I saw the police officer speak to the man asking him to hand over the gun.

"The officer said: 'Don't be silly lad.'"

"The policeman began struggling with the man. The other two were a shot and the officer fell to the ground."

At the same time, a grey van drove out of an alleyway near my house and the gunman jumped in and made off.

Insp. Gray said: "When I reached Supt. Richardson he told me: 'This is silly. He has shot me in the stomach.'"

Hours after the murder, streets where the chase and shootings had taken place were still sealed off to pedestrians and cars while a search was made for spent cartridges in an attempt to identify weapons.

It is understood that the three officers were not shot by the same gun, but forensic tests are still being carried out to identify the weapons.

Supt. Richardson joined Blackpool police in 1955 and was promoted sergeant in 1960. He became an inspector in 1963, a chief inspector in 1967 and Superintendent in 1968. He received three recommendations.

A Home Office spokesman said last night it was believed that Supt. Richardson was the highest-ranking police officer to be killed on duty in the United Kingdom.

Last night as friends comforted Supt. Richardson's young wife, Maureen, senior officers spoke of his dedication and drive.

Chief Supt. Joseph Mounsey, heading the murder hunt, said: "Gerry was not a man to leave things to other people."

The two constables wounded in the chase—Jan Hampson, 22, and Sgt. Walker, 37—were "satisfactory" in hospital last night.

Mr. Hampson was shot in the shoulder when one of the gunmen walked towards his panda car and fired at him while he was sitting in the driver's seat.

Pc Walker was shot in the groin as he chased the bandits on foot.

Police said the gang had grabbed jewellery worth £50,000, but police had covered a large proportion of it, including watches and diamond rings dropped by the bandits as they fled.

Hunt for men

Detailed descriptions of the two men sought by police have been circulated throughout the country.

The first man is believed to be 5 ft 9 in tall and 36 years old, 5 ft 9 in tall and well-built.

He has straight, dark hair, which is short at the back and may be wearing a light coloured, grey-blue knee-length jacket with a check suit and open neck shirt.

The man has an off-white cap and may be wearing sunglasses. He speaks with a southern accent.

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DEATHS (Continued)
BROWN—On Aug. 12, 1971, at St. Vincent's Hospital, London, aged 82, Mrs. Mary Brown, nee White, widow of the late Mr. John Brown.

DEATHS (Continued)
CLAYTON—On Aug. 12, 1971, at St. Vincent's Hospital, London, aged 78, Mr. John Clayton, nee Brown, husband of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Clayton.

DEATHS (Continued)
SMITH—On Aug. 12, 1971, at St. Vincent's Hospital, London, aged 85, Mrs. Mary Smith, nee Green, widow of the late Mr. John Smith.

DEATHS (Continued)
WILSON—On Aug. 12, 1971, at St. Vincent's Hospital, London, aged 72, Mr. John Wilson, nee White, husband of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson.

DEATHS (Continued)
DAVIS—On Aug. 12, 1971, at St. Vincent's Hospital, London, aged 80, Mrs. Mary Davis, nee Brown, widow of the late Mr. John Davis.

DEATHS (Continued)
HARRIS—On Aug. 12, 1971, at St. Vincent's Hospital, London, aged 75, Mr. John Harris, nee White, husband of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Harris.

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